

# Mount Vernon City Library



## Remembering Sonya Beard,

by Brian Soneda



I am not sure everyone knows the Sonya Beard story; even if you do, the story bears repeating. Sonya cared about Mount Vernon and she cared about making it the best place possible. In 2010 she made a substantial pledge to the effort to fund a new library in Mount Vernon. That pledge resulted in an endowment of over \$700,000 dedicated to this effort, and her astonishing generosity galvanized efforts to establish the Mount Vernon Library Foundation. Sonya passed away on June 5, 2010, but her dream lives on. Thank you, Sonya.

*Sonya Beard, 1936-2010*

## Summer Reading Program continues— don't forget the Adult program!

### ADULT SUMMER READING FUN



3 Ways to enter:

- Take your library card on your extraordinary adventures and send us a picture. You can use your card to download ebooks & audiobooks anywhere in the world!
- Send a picture of you & what you're reading in an extraordinary location.
- Attend a summer program at the library.

**Send your extraordinary photos to  
[mikeb@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mikeb@mountvernonwa.gov)**



**GRAND PRIZE**  
**A Zipline Adventure for 2!**

**Sponsored by Friends of the Mount Vernon Library**

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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

*Friends of the  
Mount Vernon Library*

**Book Sale**

**Friday, September 25, 3-6pm  
AND  
Saturday, September 26, 10am-4pm**

**Inside Fire Station #1  
(901 S. 2nd, behind City Hall)**

Thanks to our other friends at the Mount Vernon Fire Department, the Wastewater Division of the Mount Vernon Public Works Department, and the Mount Vernon City Work Program for their support of this book sale!



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

**Note to us:** This picture needs to be updated! We are thrilled to announce that **Joan Sladek** was nominated and then elected to fill the vacant Secretary position. Joan is a great add to the Friends' Board and her picture will be in an upcoming issue!

# Mount Vernon Library Foundation



...a slightly dated picture of most of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation board of directors. One of the best answers to the question, "I'm interested in supporting the building of a new library to Mount Vernon, what should I do?" is to join the Library Foundation. And the best way to learn about what the Foundation is and what it stands for and what it does is to attend a Foundation meeting. These meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the meeting room of the Himalaya Property Management building (1003 Cleveland St.), starting at 5:30 PM.

If you have questions about meetings or the Foundation in general, come talk to a staff member at the library; ask for a Foundation brochure, or visit the Foundation website at: [www.mvlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.mvlibraryfoundation.org).

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

*Three princesses at the Princess Party on April 11-->*

*Pollination Puppet Show audience on April 18*



*Patient shoppers just before the opening of the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Spring Book Sale on April 17, at Fire Station #1 next door to the library; see Friends column above...*

# 2015 July—September Library Events Calendar

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

Jul 1-29; Sep 16-30	Preschool Storytime, 10:30am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.	
Jul 1-Sep 2	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-7:30 pm, Wednesdays; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Jul 2-30; Sep 17, 24	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.	
Jul 3	Summer Reading Halfway Prize distribution begins.	
Jul 3-Aug 29	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Saturdays and Mondays, 2-6 years.	
Jul 7	Jason Quick—One Armed Juggler, Hillcrest Lodge lawn area, all ages.	<i>Jason Quick</i>
Jul 7-28; Sep 15-29	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.	
Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10	Adult Book Club, 12:30-1:30 pm.	
Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10	Teen Writing Group, 5-7 pm, ages 12-16.	
Jul 13	Mask Making, 3 pm, ages 10-16.	
Jul 15	Learn to Code, 3-4 pm, ages 9-18.	<i>Knights of Veritas</i>
Jul 15, Aug 19, Sep 16	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome!	
Jul 18-Sep 19	Garden Thyme (1st and 3rd Saturday), 11-11:45 am, ages 8-12 (weather permitting)	
Jul 21	Knights of Veritas, 3 pm, Hillcrest Lodge, all ages.	
Jul 31	Son of Reptile Man, 6 pm, Hillcrest Park (bring blankets for lawn seating), all ages.	
Aug 10	Fall & Winter Gardening, 6:30 pm, adults.	
Aug 17	Harvesting Veggies & Fruits, 6:30 pm, adults.	<i>Phil Rink</i>
Aug 27	Phil Rink-author talk and book signing, 6:30 pm, ages 10-adults.	
Aug 28	Summer Reading Bike Drawing!, 3 pm.	
Sep 17, 24	Travels with SKOOB, 4 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years.	
Sep 25-26	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Fall Book Sale, 3-6 pm Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, Fire Station #1	

## Coming Soon...Skagit Reads *Spare Parts*

Skagit Reads is a “community reads” program focusing on one great book, and events and community conversations related to that book. Partners in Skagit Reads include the seven public libraries in Skagit County, most of their Friends groups and Foundations, and the Lincoln Theatre. While most of the events associate with Skagit Reads happen in October and November, copies of *Spare Parts* (by Joshua Davis) will be available soon at your local library. Get a jump on the excitement!

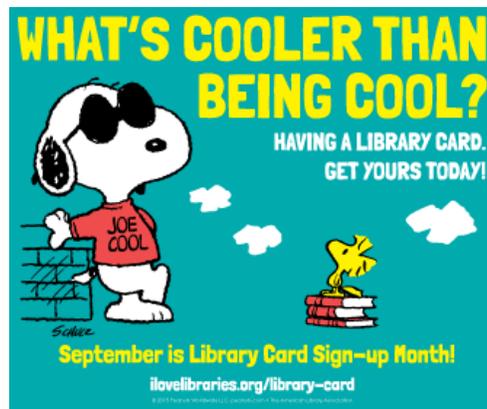


## September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

The American Library Association says so

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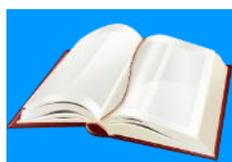
Mount Vernon City Library's Deputy Director Sara Holahan says so!



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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 (Vice Chair), Carrie Odlin, Laura Riquelme (Chair) 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:*

<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

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:**

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

