

# ShelfLife

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Recently, a mom with two kids walked into the Main Library and up to the front desk. The kids, who are already regular Library users, were determined to give something back to the Library. With a smile, they reached up and dropped 38 cents on the front desk.



## Director's Message

The week before that, two women representing the estate of Retta Lu Metcalf walked into the Main Library and up to the front desk, carrying a banjo clock and a check for \$100,000.

A few weeks before that, the Albany *Democrat-Herald* committed \$8,000 toward replacing the broken microfilm reader used to access Albany's newspapers that date back to 1859.

At the end of October, the Friends of the Library's annual book sale netted \$6,300 in profits. And, let's not forget the anonymous pledge of \$3 million that is quietly earning interest somewhere in Portland.

This year a regular volunteer donated \$2,000 for adding new children's books to the Spanish language collection.

During this holiday season, it is appropriate to stop and say thank you to Library donors of all ages and income brackets. Your generosity allows us to provide the extra programs, deal with unexpected equipment needs, and create special endowment funds that supplement our lean and tight General Fund budgets. You volunteer hundreds of hours; some of you, including businesses, support magazine subscriptions. Thank you one and all.

Thousands of people come through our doors every week, year round; but only a few give. If Albany's youth, inspired by the two lads above, were to set aside 38 cents per quarter, we could create a special children's book fund that would generate \$15,000 per year.

Leo Metcalf was a Library lover and supporter, who donated time on the Library Board for many years. We still have his desk being used by staff. There are hundreds

and hundreds of lifelong Albany Public Library users who can recall librarians, events, and programs at the Carnegie Library. I expect that many of these core Albany families will follow in the Metcalf tradition of selecting Albany Public Library as a beneficiary in their wills.

We have been working behind the scenes on developing the next steps for our Main Library expansion. Stay tuned for the launching of a new capital campaign for expansion of the Albany Public Library. As we look and plan for a future of excellent library facilities and programs, we hope that you, too, will begin planning on creative ways to contribute to your beloved Albany Public Library.

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# BookLetters™

The Friends of the Library have partnered with the Library to underwrite BookLetters, a new venture that will provide added value to Library users. Reference Librarian John Burton is excited by the quality of the content of BookLetters, which will refocus the Library's Web page on books and reading, a core value and direction of the Library in an era that is becoming increasingly technical and information oriented. BookLetters will integrate with

the Library's catalog; provide locally produced reading lists; introduce author biographies, discussion guides, and book reviews; and provide some coherent structure to the Library's Web page. BookLetters will also be the home of new book clubs that can be subscribed to for free to keep up with the latest new books. A range of Newsletters for every reading level and interest will also be available for delivery to your E-mail or for reading in the Library.



## Food for Fines

"Working Together to Feed the Minds and Bodies of Our Community," is the slogan for this year's Food for Fines drive. The drive will start Saturday, January 21, through Saturday, January 28, 2006. in fines for each can or box of non-hygiene item, or baby items. Patrons to pay for fines, not for lost or dam-

All are welcome to donate food, Library fines. Suggested items to canned meats, peanut butter, cereal vegetables and fruit, meal-in-a-can (chili, mix, pasta and tomato products, ramen item), rice, soup, dehydrated potato powdered milk, baby foods and formulas, and toilet paper (4 rolls=1 item).



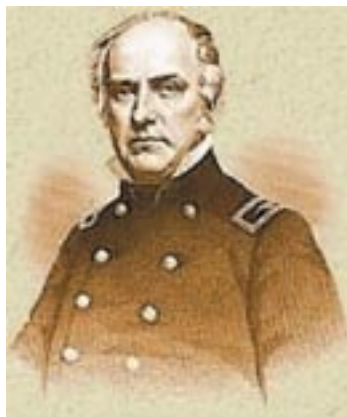
Patrons may waive \$1.00 perishable food, personal may only use donations aged items.

even if they have no donate include: (hot or cold), canned ravioli, etc.) muffin noodles (8 packs=1 products, canned or soaps, detergent

## Civil War Reenactment

**Saturday, March 11, 2006  
at 2:00 p.m. Main Library**

What did soldiers in the Civil War eat? What did they wear? What kind of wounds did they suffer? How did they survive? Join members of the Col. Edward D. Camp as they share a little bit of history with us. (Edward Baker was a Senator from Oregon who was killed at the Battle of Ball's Bluff in 1861).



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Thomas Scroggins

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at Linn-Benton Community College

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# Friends of the Library News



## Friends Open New Book 'Store'

The Downtown Carnegie Library has a book sale room in the basement that is available to the public during all open hours of the Library. Look for a new extension of this book sale in January when a book sale shelf will be placed inside the Main Library. The book sale shelf will be located next to the book return slot, and patrons can purchase books there by placing the funds in a special box attached to the shelf. The shelf will have books on a variety of subjects, and the prices will be marked inside the books. Funds received from these sales go to support special projects for the Library.

## Halloween Moves Annual Book Sale

The book sale was a success with gross receipts totaling \$6,537. The Friends sold some music CDs for the Library and that amount (\$334) will be returned to the Library so they can purchase more music. After expenses, the Friends will have \$5,000 to spend on other projects that will improve the Library. One project they are supporting is the purchase of a new microfilm reader/printer. Many thanks to all who helped with the sale; and, a special thanks to Joan Dennis and Lois Olsen who chaired the event.

## The Price of Progress

Starting on April 1, 2006, the dues in all membership categories will increase by \$5. It has been many years since there has been any change in the dues structure. Inflation has eroded what the Friends can make from the dues as they are now. Your membership dues help pay for the Children and Young Adult Summer Reading programs; the publication of SHELF LIFE; and any excess goes into other special projects for the Library. We need your help and hope that you will continue to support the Library and the Friends through your membership. Any of you who have not yet paid your dues for this year can renew at the old rate.

## Winter Programs Unless otherwise noted, programs start at noon.

**January 13, 2006**

**Mark Shibley**  
**Pacific Northwest Religion & Public Life**

*Chautauqua program sponsored by the Friends and the Oregon Council for the Humanities*

Is 'No Religion' the new religion? Apparently in the Pacific Northwest, "None" is the religion of choice more than anywhere else in the country. "None" ranks #1 in Oregon. *Secular but Spiritual: Understanding Religious "Nones,"* Join the discussion!



**February 10, 2006**

**Lynn Welp**  
**Best Linn County Garden Plants (slides and music)**

Lynn Welp is a freelance writer and Linn County Master Gardener, with special interest in theme gardens, garden art, and hardscapes. She is a columnist for the *Democrat-Herald* and *Gazette-Times*.



**March 10, 2006**

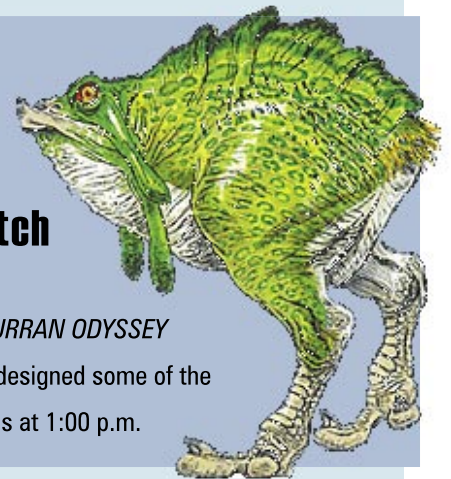
**Globalization with Senator Frank Morse**

Join our very own District 8 Senator Frank Morse to discuss issues relating to globalization.

**April 14, 2006**

**Author's Day**  
**Featuring Terryl Whitlatch**

Terryl Whitlatch is the author of *THE KATURRAN ODYSSEY* (animal science fiction fantasy). She has designed some of the Star Wars characters. This program begins at 1:00 p.m.



**May 12, 2006**

Claudine Oriani will present a program on Financial Planning, Management, & Resources. She is a seminar teacher for the OSU Credit Union.



## Art on Display *at the Main Library*

### John Matson

“For most of my life I have had an idea as to what could be done with the images that surround us, but the technology to carry it out was not available. Now, with the advent of digital photography and powerful desktop computers, the impossible is possible.”



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