

ShelfLife

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I'm sorry to report that the Albany Public Library will be closing its doors for good, on April 1, 2006. That may seem like a sick April Fools Day joke, but the truth is, since everything anyone could ever want can be found on the Internet for free there is no longer a need for public libraries.

This month I had a conversation in the community about this perception, which still persists, especially among those who have full Internet services at home. But for me, having been to the some of the oldest libraries in the world, most recently Ugarit in northern Syria, predictions of the demise of libraries always seems a bit premature.

Whether cuneiform or broadband, libraries have always taken advantage of the newest technologies to improve access and service. Just a little over 10 years ago the Netscape Mosaic browser ushered in what is now called the internet, or web; and last month, web users conducted 4.5 billion searches. On the road to excellence at Albany Public Library, we prefer to point, click and surf with the best of them.

When you get a chance, check out these two links: www.pewinternet.org and www.searchenginewatch.com

Currently there are 15 computers with Internet access, and they are in use a majority of the time six days a week. Albany users like to play Runescape, Solitaire and Black Jack. They format resumes, apply for jobs, print tax forms, check the weather and maps, play the stock market, and do genealogy. The king of the

hill for internet use, however, is far and away the use of email, IM, chat, and the newest versions of online community building. 71% of students report using the internet as their primary source on the last major school project.

Albany Public Library also subscribes to over \$13,000 worth of electronic databases. These subscriptions include phone books for the entire country; thousands of full-text research and popular magazine articles across the spectrum of learning; auto repair resources; health research; and the usual array of library-related tools to help readers find books, authors, literary criticism, etc.

Not only does the Albany Public Library actively embrace the newest information technologies that supplement our mission, but we make these available to every citizen in the city and beyond. This is a crucial facet of what we do, because internet use is still stratified in terms of income, race and education. Your public library is for many the only electronic lifeline available.

I guess we'll just keep working alongside the Internet to provide quick, accurate service with a smile, and work hard to keep the doors open for another millennium or two.



Director's Message

BACK TO LIBRARY NIGHT

Wednesday, September 28, 2005, is "Back to Library Night" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE. This event will feature Library tours, an introduction to the computer catalog, an overview of Library databases, refreshments, and prize drawings. Everyone is welcome to attend, including new and current card holders.

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New Words in the Vocabulary

L-Net and eBooks are now a part of the library vernacular. The term INTERNET was coined back in 1974. Since then the global access to information has transformed the world. On the home front Albany now has a collection of electronic resources called eBooks that are just a mouseclick away. Think of this collection of over 4,000 books as a very good library on your computer desktop. While eBooks will not replace Tom Clancy, just yet, they should make life easier and information more available when you want it and when your need it. eBooks are listed in the catalog and are available from www.netlibrary.com.

L-Net is a project of Oregon libraries to provide Oregonians with electronic access to a librarian on a 24 X 7 basis. This 'chat' based service allows Oregonians to

ask questions to an L-Net librarian who can share information either via chat or by placing information onto the screen of the questioner. Now in its second year this cooperative venture has proven itself a boon to kids having trouble with homework. It is more than this, of course, as



it is a new tool for citizens to take advantage. As with new technology it may take time to accept and recognize the new ways available to us to solve our information problems. The Reference staff of the Albany Public Library will soon be joining the L-Net cooperative as online help when folks across the state need assistance. This

venture will certainly lead to new words in our vocabulary too as we strive to stay on the forefront of the evolving technologies. L-Net can be reached from the library's homepage: <http://library.cityofalbany.net>.



A page from the 'dark side' of Oregon's history

An angry mob of 75, supported and cheered on by the community, break into homes to 'evict' 35 Japanese workers from the Pacific Spruce Corporation in Toledo. This was not the only act of violence on the foreign workforce of the times.

Join us for our Labor Day celebration as Corvallis author and historian Ted Cox shares the story of a community and its violation of the civil rights of Japanese workers at the mill.

Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 P.M.

Coyote Warrior

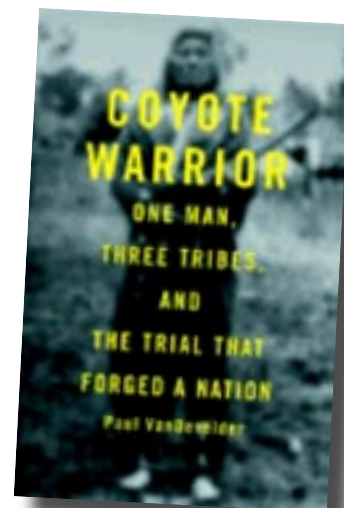
Paul Van Develter

Coyote Warrior

October 12, 2005

Wednesday 7:00–8:00 P.M.

Lewis and Clark survived the winter of 1804 in large part due to their friendly reception by the Mandans along the Missouri River. At the end of World War II the United States government broke its treaty obligations with the Mandan and two other tribes to dam the Missouri River and flood their native homelands – 'the heart of the world'. Coyote Warrior tells the tale of an attorney, a Native American attorney – 'a coyote warrior' – who succeeds in taking on the government. In many ways it is the tale of the saga that started long before Lewis and Clark and continues today the legacy of eminent domain and cultural presumption.





Friends of the Library News



Linda Lawrence, incoming President of the Friends marvels at the activity within the library. A longtime 'friend' of libraries, Linda has always loved libraries and reading, books like Jared Diamond's Collapse: How societies choose to fail or succeed. Embarking on her new term, Linda chooses to succeed. She wants this year's book sale to be the most exciting ever. She is also looking forward to and anticipating great programs rounded up by program coordinator, Evedene Bennett, that will assure this 'society' vitality and growth.



fall programs *Unless otherwise noted, programs start at noon.*

September 9, 2005 Physical Fitness with Penny Nadig. Penny is co-owner of GO FIGURE here in Albany. Learn a trick or two about getting and staying in shape.

October 14, 2005 Katy Grant Hanson will be speaking on her book of paintings about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

October 27, 28, 29, 2005 Book Sale at Main Albany Library



Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale



"The Best Ever" ... and early for the early birds.
October 27-29, 2005
Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-3 (half-price)



Why Tell Your Life Story?
... AND HOW TO TELL IT WELL.

NOVEMBER 10, 2005 · 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

November 10, 2005 Kim Pearson – Making History: How to remember, record, interpret and share the events of your life. Learn how to remember the stories you may have forgotten and a fun method to recall the events of one's life.

November 11, 2005 No meeting, but join our community for the Veterans Day Parade

December 9, 2005 Doris Hicks- Young Adult Librarian will present a program on puppetry. There will also be discussion on Christmas books for children.



Friends of the Library Membership Form

Please check your selections. All dues are yearly fees.

\$5 Senior, 65 years old and over \$10 Individual \$15 Family \$25 Sustaining \$50 Sponsor

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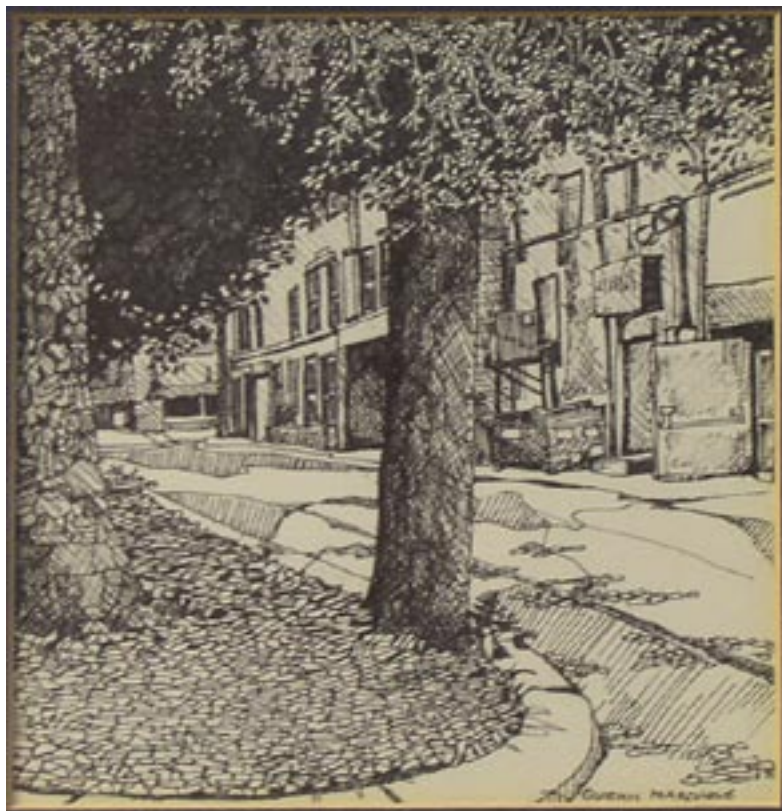
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The FOL depend on your membership!
If your address label has a red dot, your dues are due.

Art on Display *at the Main Library*

Gwenn Marchese



Albany Alley by Gwenn Marchese

DUES NEEDED

The fiscal year of the Friends Organization is from May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. For those members who were not able to come to the April and May meetings we need your contributions. If you have not paid your dues for this year, a red dot will be placed by your name on the mailing label of the SHEFLIFE. Please help us maintain our programs for children and other library activities by paying your dues soon.

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<http://library.cityofalbany.net>

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1390 Waverly Drive SE

Phone: (541) 917-7580

Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Downtown Carnegie Library

302 Ferry Street SW

Phone: 917-7585

Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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