

# ShelfLife

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## Director's Message

We celebrate  
National Library Week  
April 10-16, 2005.

Public libraries are central to what is good about the American Dream—opportunity, education, self-help, and lifelong learning. There are more public libraries in America than there are McDonald's, yet citizens spend three times more money on french fries and other salty snacks than they do on libraries. However, when Americans aren't putting money where their mouths are, they do come to public libraries and check out books. Books of all colors, sizes and subjects are borrowed more than any other type of material, though movies, music and books on tape are giving good old fashioned books a run for their money. The total number of items borrowed from the Albany libraries was 590,000 last year, which is about 13.5 items per capita, a decent number. The value of those materials is nearly \$15 million!

*Maniac Magee, Tales & Sketches, Seven Arrows, The Power and the Glory, War and Peace, Gone with the Wind, The Silmarillion, Sherlock Holmes, East of Eden, Dancing at the Rascal Fair, The Wolves of Willoughby Chase, Let Us Now Praise Famous Men.*

Library staff selected some of their favorite fiction, and this is but a partial list. One can see there is little resemblance, which highlights an amazing thing about what we celebrate this week—everybody is invited, everybody can play, there's something for everyone at your library. When one considers that access to this ever growing and developing world of books, music, Internet and beyond, costs about a dime a day in Albany, it is astonishing and worth celebrating. It is hands down the best deal in the city. It is government gone good. It is liberty, justice, and a special book for every single member of our community. With such an amazing civic institution at the core of education, culture, and entertainment throughout the country, there is room for celebration. Imagine what your library and those throughout the land could accomplish with more than a dime a day?

As you celebrate with us this week, think about becoming more active in your use, support and protection of Albany Public Library. This is truly a people's institution. We love to see you each and every day.



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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Something for everyone  
@ your library®

# Best-Selling Author Phillip Margolin Kicks Off National Library Week!

National Library Week was first observed in 1957 in an effort to inspire Americans to “Wake up and read.” As television was coming into the nation’s living rooms, and radio being ever popular, there may have been a fear that people were spending too much time in front of the television and radio and investing too little time in reading.



Now, almost 50 years later, the situation is pretty much the same, except radio has been replaced with CDs and MP3 players; and, now there is the Internet, video games, and DVDs! Public libraries have kept pace with changing lifestyles and expanded with the times, too; in fact, libraries are busier than ever, so National Library Week now celebrates all things that are wonderful at your Library.

What’s wonderful at the Albany Public Library this April is a program featuring the accomplished Portland attorney/novelist, Phillip Margolin. All nine of Margolin’s novels have become *New York Times* Bestsellers. *The Last Innocent Man* became an HBO movie; *Gone But Not Forgotten* is being made into a miniseries with Brook Shields and Lou Diamond Philips. Margolin has been nominated for the prestigious



Edgar Award for Best Mystery and is an avid reader ... and writer. His latest book, *Lost Lake*, has just been released and will assuredly become his next bestseller as it has been selected as the featured selection of the Mystery Guild.

Join us for an evening reading/program with Phillip Margolin as we celebrate the opportunities and resources of today’s library. Come read with us, surf with us, pick up a lately released DVD, or join us for ‘story time.’ Remember, there is “something for everyone at your library!”

## It is “Tax Time!”

### Who are you going to call?

Having trouble finding all the tax forms that you need? The Albany Public Library continues to provide most of the state and federal forms that you may need to submit your taxes for another year. And, if you need an extension, need out-of-state forms, or maybe you need to revisit your 1998 taxes, remember where to go first – your Albany Public Library. Tax forms are also available at: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and <http://egov.oregon.gov/DOR/>.



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## ...and check this out!

The Library has added a new database to its electronic resources. Ancestry, the Library Edition, is being made available for in-library use. If you have been thinking about your family tree, this is a powerful resource that will allow you to find images and information to document your research. Would you like a copy of grandma’s wedding certificate? This just may be the place.

Also new to the Library is FirstSearch, a family of databases that includes WorldCat. WorldCat is essentially a library catalog of all libraries. It is useful to identify all books on a subject or by an author. It has the added benefit of identifying which libraries own a particular title. The database makes it easy to see if any of the area libraries have the resource in which you may be interested, as well as linking the user to that collection to check on its availability.

As a promotion during National Library Week, database producer, Thomson Gale ([www.gale.com](http://www.gale.com)), is making a number of its databases available free online. If you have ever wanted to do some serious research, this would be the week to do it!





# Friends of the Library News



## Expanded Book Sale at Carnegie Library

We have purchased several sets of shelving for the ongoing book sale in the Rotary Room, which is in the basement of the Carnegie Library. The Rotary Room is open the same hours as the Library. Joan Dennis and Lois Olsen work every week keeping the shelves restocked with bargains.

## Friends Budget 2005

In addition to the Library's fabulous Summer Reading Program, the Friends recently budgeted for new periodical display racks for the Library. The new addition will free up space for additional changes in the Library's effort to make the most of available space.

## New Officers

The Friends will be electing new officers at their April 8, 2005, meeting. Nominees are as follows:

President:	Linda Lawrence
Vice President:	Nancy Powell
Secretary:	Kathy Butler
Treasurer:	Sallie Riehl

After nominations from the floor, a vote will be taken. Please join us that day for our author's program.

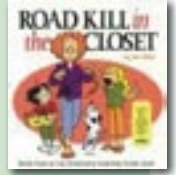
## Membership Dues

Our new fiscal year begins on May 1. Your dues are needed for the new year. Membership in the Friends helps pay for the Children's and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs; quarterly issues of *ShelfLife*; programing from September through May; and the purchase of equipment for the Library. Please join us in April, and bring a friend. The Friends of the Library exists to supplement programs, supplies, and equipment that the City budget does not or is not able to cover. We also hold an annual book sale in November to raise more funds. The Library needs your support, and the Friends need you as members.

## PROGRAMS FOR APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2005

### April 8, 2005 • 1:00 p.m.

On April 8 at 1:00 p.m., please come and hear Jan Eliot. Jan is the author of the comic strip *STONE SOUP*. Her strip appears in several newspapers around the state, including the *Oregonian* and the *Eugene Register Guard*. Her main characters are two sisters, several children, and a grandmother who live next door to one another. We can identify with the happenings in the stories because Eliot examines our modern life and how we cope. She is very funny, and her comic is enjoyable to read.



Remember, the program starts at 1:00 p.m. instead of noon, and it will be in the Meeting Room of the Main Library at 1390 Waverly Drive SE.

### April 12, 2005 • 6:30 p.m.



Best-selling author, Phillip Margolin, will be the guest speaker during National Library Week. Cosponsored by the Friends and the Library, Margolin will speak and autograph his books at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

### May 13, 2005 • Noon

*QUILTS AND THE STORIES THEY TELL*, a talk by Karen Roberts, owner of the Quilt Loft in Albany.

### May 16, 2005 • 7:00 p.m.

Karen Zacharias, author of *Hero Mama*, will present a multimedia program dealing with the casualties of war that are often forgotten, the families of casualties. Join us in the Meeting Room at the Library.



## Friends of the Library Membership Form

Please check your selections. All dues are yearly fees.

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**Renew now for this year (May 2005-April 2006).**  
The FOL depend on your membership!

# Art on Display

*at the Main Library*

## Floyd Bond's Nature Photography



*American Avocet* by Floyd Bond

**Please come and support your local artists!**

Art can be viewed during the open hours of the Library and is available for purchase.

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