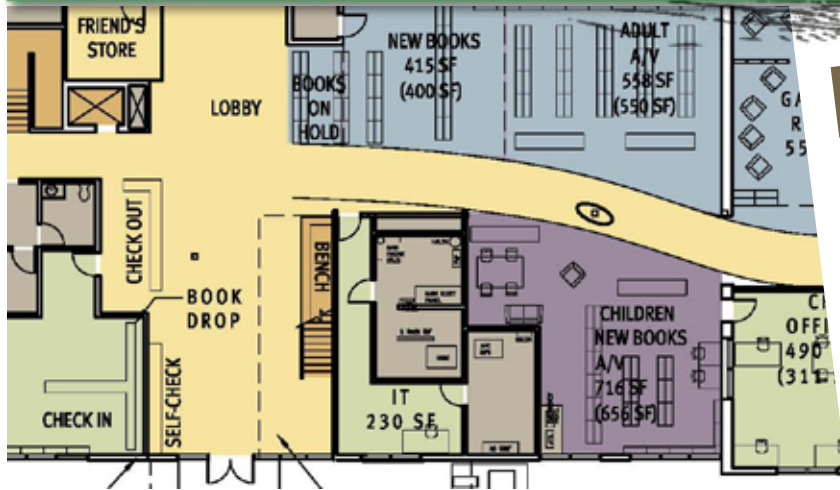


# Shelflife

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**Design Progresses For Late 2008 Library Opening**

## Library Conducts National Library Week Survey

come together@your library

Over 360 surveys were collected during National Library Week in an effort to keep abreast of our users (and nonusers) and their use of and ideas for their Library. Here are some of the interesting results:

About a third of all Library users use the Library Catalog from home or work regularly to check up on their accounts and to place holds. Over two thirds have visited the Library's Web page.

About one-fifth of the respondents visit their Library more than once a week; they would like more hours (Sundays and evenings). They would also like more books and a 'coffee bar'.

Patrons who visit the Library less frequently would also like Sunday hours and a 'coffee bar'... there was mention of a 'tea bar' as well.

The majority of respondents visit the Library about once a week. It seems they would also like more materials, hours, and accoutrements like a 'coffee bar'.

It is always interesting to hear from our users and nonusers. Generally everyone seems pretty happy

with their Library. In the new Library, there will be 'quiet' spaces – a recurring theme within the comments. Other practical suggestions include: larger meeting rooms, more art on display, more parking, and a bathroom in the Childrens's Room are all on the drawing board. The Friends of the Library will have a presence, as will the Linn Genealogical Society. One suggestion that may not be included initially in the Library program is a cafeteria. Many of the suggestions reflect services that are currently provided such as nonresidents pay a fee in lieu of taxes for Library privileges, we have puppet shows every week, we are wireless.

The general theme running throughout the survey results is 'more': more books, more movies, more hours, more staff, and more computers. As the Library plans for the new building (coming late in 2008), we do appreciate all the positive comments and suggestions ... keep them coming. We will always attempt to provide 'more' library reflective of the needs and interests of the community; after all it is your Library.

# Summer Events Calendar



## Comical Catastrophes Clown Show

June 19 and 20 MAIN  
June 21 DOWNTOWN

## Junk Food Festival

*with puppet show, food crafts, and games*

June 26 and 27 MAIN  
June 28 DOWNTOWN



## Saturday Parking Lot Sale

July 7, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

## Pioneer Living

*Hands-on historic museum*

July 10 and 11  
July 12



## Cwerks presents "The Missing Pet"

*A Play*

July 17 and 18  
July 19

## Harry Potter Party

*a gathering at Hogwarts Academy and a Quidditch match. Come in costume if you can.*

July 20

- All programs begin at 2:00 p.m. sharp and last about an hour.
- Seating may be limited for some events because of room capacity.
- All programs are for children Kindergarten and older.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays at MAIN  
1390 Waverly Drive SE, 917-7583
- Thursdays at DOWNTOWN  
302 Ferry Street SW, 917-7585

## Reptile Man

*Reptiles galore! Come early!*

July 24 and 25 MAIN  
July 26 CITY HALL,  
333 Broadalbin  
St SW



## Marionette Troupe Rehearsals

July 30 and 31; MAIN  
August 1

## Teen Marionette Troupe

*Stringed puppet performance.*

August 2; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

## Star Wars Fan Club

*Meet other Star Wars fans to play games and visit. Come in costume if you can.*

August 3 MAIN

## Marionette Troupe Performance

August 7,  
10:15-11:45 a.m. DOWNTOWN

## Homemade Carnival

*Games, prizes, and Bingo*

August 7 and 8 MAIN  
August 9 DOWNTOWN



## Albany Idol V

August 14 and 15 MAIN  
August 16 DOWNTOWN

## COOL! Swanson Park Action Center Parties

*For readers who earn a ticket. Tickets available after August 1.*

August 23 & 27, 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.



# Friends of the Library News



## Albany Friends of the Library Board:

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Kathy Butler, Past President  
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 Lois Olsen, Carnegie Book Sale

*Art On Display*  
 Floyd Bond  
 May 19- September 15  
 Nature Photography



## A Little Help From Our Friends...

Signal Northwest, a local call center, held an in-house auction recently to raise money for the Library's new building project. Businesses happily donated goods for their auction, which raised \$695! Signal Northwest handles about 35,000 calls a day and they still have time to support their local Library. We are most grateful.

## Memorium

Connie Petty was a true Friend of the Library. At each of our meetings, each event, you could look around the room and there would be Connie; camera in hand, knowledgeable, friendly, supportive, generous with her talents and ideas.



You always knew that when Connie answered a question or started talking about a subject, she knew what and who she was talking about. She was a reservoir of facts about our city and its people, whether it was yesterday, last year, ten or twenty years ago, she could remember who, what, and where, and, if she did not know, she would look it up and call you. Connie understood the culture of Albany and worked hard to further the arts, crafts, and drama here and in the surrounding area. She was a talented photographer and reporter, a dear friend to many of us; she will be missed by each of us whose lives she touched.

## Friends of the Library Membership Form

*Please check your selections. All dues are yearly fees.*

\$10 Senior, 65 years old and over    \$15 Individual    \$20 Family    \$30 Sustaining    \$50 Sponsor

*Please Print:*

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*Clip and mail to:* Friends of the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE, Albany, OR 97322-6945

# Congratulations to Roxy Rios,

who was honored at the 2007 Volunteer Appreciation dinner as the recipient of the Kathleen MacAuley Volunteer of the Year award. Roxy has been volunteering at the Main Library since 2003, doing the very job that Kathleen did for so many years, unpacking and checking in the inventory that is received from various vendors. It is the important first step in processing the Library's new materials. Over the past year, Roxy has averaged 41 hours per month of volunteer time. Great job, Roxy! Thanks to you and all the wonderful Library volunteers.



## Library to Offer More Audio Books

The Albany Public Library has joined the Oregon Digital Library Consortium, a new group of Oregon public libraries pooling resources to provide an expanded collection of downloadable audio books for the participating libraries. The new collection of audio books (Library2Go) will be available 24/7 and may be downloaded to one's computer, one's MP3 player, and/or copied to CD. The collection will essentially double the number of CD audio books that the Library currently owns. Like a physical CD audio book, a hold may be placed on specific titles in the collection that may be in use by another patron. Unlike the physical CD book, the Library2Go 'books' need not be returned (they return themselves) and generate no fines (they cannot be late). COMING JULY 2007



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