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Library News and Events

January 2013



Beginning this month!



- Book Discussions
 - Internment Panel Discussion
 - Responsible Journalism Panel
 - Japanese Cultural Exchanges
- and more at whatcomreads.org!

A Sense of Place

By Joan Airoidi, *Library Director*



I continuously marvel at individuals and groups in Whatcom County who, with amazing energy, tackle library building and remodel projects. Deming and Island Friends were early pioneers in recognizing what their communities needed and went for it. Everson and Sumas followed. Next year Lynden is celebrating 10 years in their beautiful library. North Fork raised the bar in community building through their project and now Ferndale, Sudden Valley, Pt. Roberts, Blaine, and again Lummi Island have projects in various stages of development, all with a clear vision of the sense of place that their library will be.

What is the "sense of place" at your local library? Stop and think a moment about how you would respond that question. The building is an enormous part of it, but there is more. What about the warmth, the atmosphere, the ambience, the smiles and helpfulness of staff? Is it the feeling of being welcome, regardless of age or any other demographic? Is it respect for your opinions and questions, regardless of what they may be? Are the virtual connections to global resources included in the sense of place?

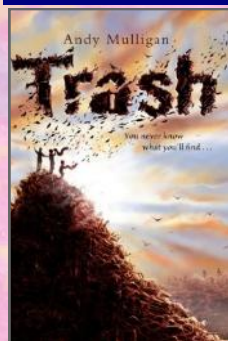
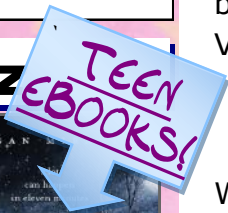


In Whatcom County, library branches are a central and essential part of their communities for countless reasons. The strong partnership of local communities with WCLS ensures a sense of place for the future. Keep up the terrific work!

Ebooks and Public Libraries—Working on the Partnership

Yes, WCLS has eBooks for you to borrow, but you may be wondering why there aren't more eBooks available from the library, why you have to wait for eBooks, or why some bestsellers aren't available at all? Here are some answers:

Book Buzz



Trash by Andy Mulligan: A trash picker since he was three, 14 year old Rafael finds the first great find of his life – a bag with a wallet, key and map. With the police hot on his heels trying to recover the bag, Rafael's discovery leads him to uncover political corruption that threatens his life.

Fracture, by Megan Miranda: Delaney survives falling through the ice and sinking into a 6 day coma, waking with a strong connection with people on the brink of death. A twist on the traditional love triangle rounds out this wonderful novel about grief, friendships and trust.



Recently acquire an eReader?

Stop in to the library for help downloading free library eBooks!

[Blaine Library](#)

Thursdays, 1-3 pm

[Deming Library](#)

Thursdays, 1-3 pm

[Everson Library](#)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12 pm

[Ferndale Library](#)

[Mondays & Thursdays, 2-5 pm](#)

[Saturday, Jan 26, 2-4 pm](#)

[Island Library](#), 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan 3-24

[Lynden Library](#), [Wed 1-5 pm](#)

[Tuesdays, 10 am-2 pm](#)

[North Fork Library](#)

Thursdays, 3-5 pm

[Point Roberts Library](#)

Wednesday, Jan 9, 1-5 pm

[Sumas Library](#)

Wednesdays, 12-7:30 pm



Trustee Meeting

The WCLS Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m., Tues, Jan. 15 at the Administration Center, 5205 Northwest Dr. 384-3150.

Library Closures

All WCLS facilities will close at 5 pm Monday, Dec 31 for New



Year's Eve and will remain closed through Mon, Jan 1.

WCLS will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King Jr.



Day. Regular hours resume Jan. 22.

Three of the six major publishers (Hachette, Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, and all of their imprints) will not sell their eBooks to libraries at all. Another major publisher, HarperCollins requires libraries to re-purchase an ebook after it has circulated 26 times. Penguin gives their eBooks a 1-year license, but will not allow their eBooks to be read on the Kindle platform. Random House (which is merging with Penguin) sells eBooks to libraries at three times the cost to anyone else.

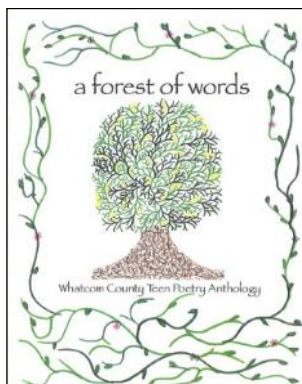
WCLS provides eBooks through The [Washington Anytime Library](#) cooperative, which buys and distributes eBooks for 30 libraries in Washington through OverDrive. Each member library purchases eBooks that can be used by patrons from all member libraries. For this service, each title must be purchased, individually, in each format - the audiobook version, the Nook version, the Kindle version, etc. Each copy of an eBook can be checked out by only 1 patron at a time.

Freading is a new eBook service for WCLS patrons which uses a different eBook lending model. It offers titles from about 50 publishers and WCLS pays only when a book is downloaded. Each title can be read at the same time by many readers. Freading offers eBooks that are like the popular Hot Picks titles you find displayed in your library – really great fiction and non-fiction eBooks that are always available to you! To get started with Freading, go to the library's eBook page: <http://WCLS.org/ebooks>



Public libraries, the American Library Association (ALA), and library advocates around the country are working together to find ways to make eBook services better for patrons. See the [Frequently asked questions regarding e-books and U.S. libraries](#) on the ALA website to learn more.

Stay tuned--as one librarian explains it: "At this moment in history, there is great uncertainty about pricing models for eBooks, eMovies, and eMusic. The old paradigm seems broken; a new one has not yet emerged."



Teen Poetry Gets Published

In its 3rd year, *A Forest of Words* is the WCLS Annual teen poetry contest that includes a printed anthology and poetry workshop. It's one of the few ways teens can get their work published locally in a non-school setting.



Storytimes for Kids

Discover storytime for birth through preschool. Ask at your library for a schedule of the following storytimes at WCLS:

Baby & Me, Play, Learn,

Connect: Stories, songs, rhymes and social time for birth through 1 1/2 years.

Play & Learn Storytime:

Stories, songs, and fingerplays followed by activities that explore art, science, math and literacy. For ages birth and up

Toddler Time: 20 minutes of stories, songs and other amusements for very young children.

Preschool Storytime: Stories and more for ages 3-5.

3rd Annual Teen Poetry Contest A Forest of Words



Live in Whatcom County
6-12 grade
Original submissions only
One entry per person

Winning entries will be published in the 2013 teen poetry anthology, *A Forest of Words*. Winners will receive a copy and will be invited to a poetry workshop.

Submit your entry by February 14
Enter online at wcls.org/teen
Or ask your librarian for an entry form

Entries have come from every part of Whatcom County, and from public, private, and homeschooled students. "Teens are putting their thoughts and emotions on paper for the world to read," said Teen Services Coordinator Tamar Clarke, who worked on the anthology. "While they're not writing for adults, it's a chance for adults to see teens in a different way."

The program started in 2011 when Deming library manager Katrina Carabba saw how another WCLS publication – ***Whatcomics*** – generated an enthusiastic response from local teen artists. Carabba wanted to give teens a real-world vehicle for personal written expression. The program went county-wide in 2012. Two anthologies have been published – [check them out from your local library](#). Selected artwork from Whatcomics teen artists illustrates the anthology.

The 2012 program included a workshop with local poet Jim Bertilino and a workshop is also being planned for 2013. "Poetry is a useful and constructive way for teens to get it all on paper," said Clarke. "We want to engage teens in healthy ways; reading, writing, and performing their poetry are great ways to do that!"

You can see the teens reading their poetry at the Everson Library on the WCLS You Tube channel at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYUJn-4Wb5o&feature=youtu.be>

Entries for *A Forest of Words* anthology will be accepted January 14 through February 20, 2013. Contest details and entry form will be available at your local WCLS library and online at <http://www.WCLS.org/Teens>.

"Here's to the Ladies" Jazz Concert Series

Building on the success of the 2012 "World of Jazz Builds a Library," Friends of the Sudden Valley Library are excited to announce the 2013 "Here's to the Ladies" Jazz Series to benefit the Building Fund for the South Whatcom Library.

March 30: [Pearl Django](#) with French singer Anne Griffith pay tribute to the chanteuses who sang with Django in Paris.

June 8: [Josephine Howell](#), soulful blues singer from Seattle.

September 28: [Laila Biali](#), contemporary jazz artist from New York, making her first west coast tour.



Anne Griffith



Celebrating Five Years



See David Guterson

in Whatcom County
Feb 19-21, 2013

2013 Reading Selection
Snow Falling on Cedars
www.whatcomreads.org

WCLS Branch Locations



Blaine

610 3rd St., 332-8146



Bookmobile

5205 Northwest Dr., Bellingham
384-3150 x264



Deming

5044 Mt Baker Hwy, 592-2422



Everson

104 Kirsch Dr., 966-5100



Ferndale

2007 Cherry St., 384-3647



Island

2144 South Nugent Rd., 758-7145



Lynden

216 4th St., 354-4883



North Fork

7506 Kendall Rd., Maple Falls
599-2020



Pt. Roberts

1487 Gulf Rd., 945-6545



Sumas

451 2nd St., 988-2501

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To print a list of events for any library click on its calendar icon.

November 9: [Greta Matassa](#) with tap dancer [Jovon Miller](#) reprise their exciting 2012 performance.

Series tickets are \$70. Single concert tickets available for \$20 each after March 1. Concerts begin at 3 p.m. in the Sudden Valley Dance Barn, 8 Barnview Ct. Tickets are available online at suddenvalleylibrary.org/events/jazz/, Sudden Valley Administrative Office or by calling K.C. at 671-1709.



As many already know, Joan Airol, Director of the WCLS, is retiring in January after ten years of service.

Many of her colleagues and friends wanted to give her a gala send-off. However, Joan requested an "Un-Party." That means that she prefers that resources which would have been spent on tangible gifts, cards or a party be donated to the Whatcom County Library Foundation.



And how apropos is that? In 2005, she was *personally* awarded a \$25,000 [First Amendment Award by the PEN/Newman Foundation for intellectual freedom](#). But because Joan felt it was a library award, not a personal one, she, without hesitation, donated the prize money – *all of it* – to create the Whatcom County Library Foundation.

The Foundation Board of Directors invites you to mirror Joan's generosity by making a donation in her honor. This is a fitting way to book-end (*pun intended*) Joan's tenure. She has left an indelible mark on Whatcom County, championing literacy, libraries, and life-long learning.

So, please consider your most generous gift to honor Joan's retirement. Your gift will nourish the vision she has so artfully fashioned, to **"connect information, ideas and community."**

Donations, payable to The Whatcom County Library Foundation, should be mailed to:

Joan's Un-Party
c/o Whatcom County Library Foundation
5205 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226

To make a gift on-line, go to <http://www.wcls.org/donate-funds> and follow the PayPal instructions.



Get more info on wcls.org.

