

ASOTIN COUNTY LIBRARY

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MEZZANINE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FEBRUARY 5TH

Construction of the Asotin County Library project will begin February 5th with Architects IZ Design and general contractor Mangum Construction. Library services will be moved from the main library to the Library Annex, 407C Sycamore Street, just across the alley from the main library in Clarkston. The Heights and Asotin Branches will remain open as well.

To prepare for the project, the library will open late next week. Open hours will be noon-8pm Monday through Wednesday, January 29-January 31 and noon-5pm Thursday and Friday, February 1-2. The library will be closed Saturday, February 3 and reopen in the Annex on Monday, February 5.

The Library staff is working hard to provide as much as possible of our regular materials, programs and services during this time.

Materials: New books for adults, young adults and children will be available from the Annex, as well as select DVDs, CD Books, Rokus, and Wi-Fi Hotspots. Current magazines, newspapers,

and investment reports will be available to read in the Annex. While we will be happy to print out tax forms, we will not have space to host the AARP Tax Help this year. They will be back next year.

For much of the time during the project, staff will be able to go into the main library to retrieve books for users and to send them out with the Valnet courier to other libraries. For the initial 4-6 weeks, though, we will be limited to what is available in the Annex.

Computer/Internet Access: There will be 10 laptops available for the public to use in the Annex as well as WiFi for them to use with their own devices.

Career Center: Career Center Services will still be available at the same hours – Mondays & Wednesdays 2pm-5pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm-4pm.

Programs: Beginning February 4th, Play & Learn will be held at the same time, Tuesdays at 9:30am, but will be at the Heights Branch rather than downtown (there will be no Play & Learn on January 30). Tech Help, Book

Night and ACL Writers' group will occur at their regular times throughout the construction period. Homebound services will continue and other regular programs will resume when construction is complete, which is anticipated to be in June.

Don't forget that library services and materials are available online as well. All of the following can be found at www.asotincountylibrary.org. We have 24/7 chat reference service. eBooks and eAudiobooks are available to all Asotin County residents through Washington Anytime Library and through Valnet. Downloadable or streamed music is available through Freegal. Databases with information on auto repair, genealogy, health, what to read next, homework help and much more can be found under eLibrary and eReference.

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Upcoming events for January/February

Mondays:

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Tuesdays:

Play & Learn (Heights) 9:30am

Career Catalyst Center 1pm

Wednesdays:

Discovery Time—10am, Heights-11am

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Thursdays:

Career Catalyst Center 1pm

Book Night, 2/22 7pm (Annex)

ACL Writers' Group, 2/1 & 2/15, 7pm

Fridays:

Saturdays:

Technology Help 10am

Featured Resources

AARP Tax Preparation Service

There will be **no** tax preparation service at the library this year due to the construction of the mezzanine. AARP will continue to offer tax preparation at the Salvation Army, 1220 21st St. in Lewiston. They are available Monday through Thursday beginning Thursday, February 1 and

continuing through Thursday April 12. Doors open at 8:30 am, tax preparation begins at 9 am, and no returns are accepted after 11:30 am. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age – especially if you are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.



“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its’ people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

Andrew Carnegie

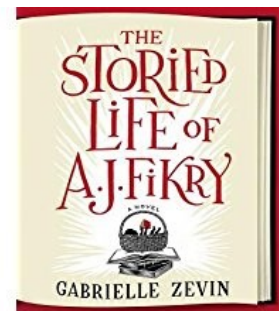
Book Night

Are you interested in learning more about new books? Or getting together with others to discuss highlights or interesting passages of selected books?

Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month and enjoy lively conversation while discussing the latest book.

February selection:
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
By Gabrielle Zevin

We'll see you February 22 at 7pm—ACL Annex



Career Catalyst Center

Looking for a job? Need help creating or updating your resume? Or filling out an on-line application?

We can help!!!

Stop by the Career Catalyst Center at the Asotin County Library for help with:

- job search
- On-line application

- Create a Resume
- Write a cover letter,
- Explore new careers,
- Strengthen your technology skills
- ◆ Or just need someone to talk with about your job search.

For recent grads or anyone needing a little practice before taking college entrance tests, occupational exams,

or other licensing tests, ACL offers practice tests in many areas. Stop by and check it out!!

*And best of all—these services are all **free!!!!***

Bev is available in Annex: M/W 2-5pm & T/TH 1-4pm
No appointment needed



Bev Rhoades

Kids Programs, Literacy Tips and More

Talk! Sing! Read! Write! Play!

Learning to read begins at birth. Parents, caregivers, and librarians can reinforce and help grow brain connections through these five practices that will help a child develop the foundation for reading. Practiced regularly, these activities will help a child develop the six early literacy skills and be prepared to learn to read.

TALK

Talking with children helps them learn oral language, one of the most critical early literacy skills. The experience of self-expression also stimulates brain development, which underlies all learning.

SING

Singing – which also includes rhyming – increases children’s awareness of and sensitivity to the sounds in words. This helps prepare children to decode print (written language). Songs are a natural way to learn about language. Singing helps children learn new words and adds to their general knowledge.

READ

No matter what your child’s age, reading together with your children is the single most important way to help them get ready to read.

WRITE

Writing and reading go together. Writing helps children learn that

letters and words stand for sounds and that print has meaning. Before a child is ready to hold a pencil and write, the muscles in their hands need to be strong enough. Practicing and developing fine motor skills will help develop these muscles and the hand eye coordination needed.

PLAY

Play is one of the primary ways young children learn language and literacy skills and learn about the world. General knowledge is an important literacy skill that helps children understand books and stories once they begin to read. Play also helps children think symbolically: a ruler becomes a magic wand, today becomes a time when

dinosaurs were alive, a playmate becomes an astronaut exploring space. Through play children realize that one thing can stand for another. This also helps children understand that written words stand for real objects and experiences.

Taken from the website of Howell Carnegie District Library

ACL Board of Trustees

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm, unless otherwise posted. Board members apply to the Asotin County Board of Commissioners and serve a five-year term. Members are limited to 10 years of service to the Library Board.

Board of Trustees

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**Your library
 promotes a
 prosperous
 community a
 literate society,
 and lifelong
 learning for
 people of all
 ages.**

ACL Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Asotin County Library support the library by purchasing equipment and materials, facilitating the library book sale and other events.

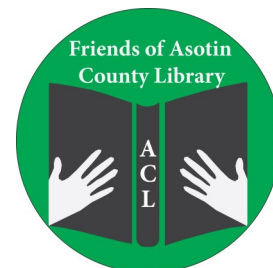
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Jerry Hendrickson, Treasurer
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The Friends are looking for new members who want to become involved with such things as reading programs,

keeping book sections in order, raising money for youth reading programs and more. The Family Christmas Craft Workshop is an especially fun time to volunteer to help make the evening enjoyable. Ask any of the library staff for information and about signing up.

Now accepting donations for the Spring Book Sale. (up to 2 boxes at a time). Drop off during regular library hours or call 758-5454 for pick up.

Check out the Friends year-round Book Sale shelf at the library.



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Downtown Branch
417 Sycamore
Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-5454

Heights Branch
2036 4th Avenue
Clarkston, WA 99403
509-758-4601

Asotin Branch
215 Second Street
Asotin, WA 99402
509-243-6010

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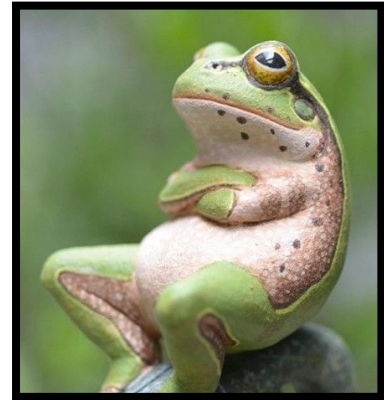
The mission of the Asotin County Library Foundation is to support a vibrant, modern library system that serves the diverse needs of everyone in our community in perpetuity. The Foundation has been very busy this year in planning for the future.

Future Projects include:

- The addition of a mezzanine in the downtown building, which will allow us to expand the library's space with public computers, teen area, early literacy programs, and meeting rooms.
- Expansion of the Heights Branch
- Creation of a branch building in the City of Asotin
- Build the Foundation endowment to achieve sustainability for the library's future.

To learn more about how you can become involved with the work of the foundation, stop by the library.

Musing Frog



Spotlight on Success

Library Musing
by Pat Goode

You surely remember your first library. Mine was tiny, in an old house with thick plank oak floors, wavy and worn. A scent of time, and dust motes in the air. Went there with Granny in the 1950s. The 60s library was airy and spacey. Spare modern furniture in turquoise and coral and tall sky-vista windows. Charles Dickens on the shelf. The downtown library in the 70s—so cosmopolitan, with many types of people sharing long wood tables. And yet, so intimate with individual lamps and surprising solitary cubby-holes.

And always, the card catalog. Solid, wood and brass, and hefty index cards with beautiful type-written words and pencil notes made by someone. And always, the books—books passed from hand to hand, from mind to

mind. Years elapsed. Other libraries provided space and freedom to work and play. All free. (Well, there's always the piper... in this case, the tax collector. But you know what I mean.) The card catalog, alas, is no more. I'll never forgive whoever is responsible for that one. But libraries are still here, and 10 years ago I was fortunate indeed to begin working at this one.

There is much I love at Asotin County Library. Truly kind and genial people to work with—friends. We 'have' cats! They can never replace card catalogs, true—but they are tactile and soothing. (Mikey even deigned to play hide and seek with me one morning. Carmen—well, that will really be the day.) We have wonderful services and programs and generous volunteers. It is a warm, welcoming community library. With access to books and movies and electronic resources

to take you wherever you'd like to go. The building is beautiful. I trust the coming changes will color pleasant experiences and memories for kids and their grandmas, and for everyone in between.

This morning I listened to Bach's Goldberg variations, led back to it by James Rhodes' *Instrumental*, looked forward to a Glenn Gould documentary—yes, all from the library. I was struck anew by the beauty of a library. And by my good fortune to work at this one. Many thanks—to one fine crew, to bosses and to Board, to patrons patient and appreciative and excited who make me smile.

But could we bring back the card catalog?