

ASOTIN COUNTY LIBRARY

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Message from the Director

As most of you know, we ran into a couple of snags underground at the beginning of our project. I am happy to say that we are now above ground and things are really moving along. As you can see in these pictures, the floor of the mezzanine has been laid, the elevator is framed and staff are working around a plethora of stuff, but getting the job done. We appreciate the patience and excitement from you, our community, and we can't wait to unveil our beautiful new mezzanine! (see additional pictures at end of the Newsletter)



View from the south end of the mezzanine

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Upcoming events for April

Mondays:

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Tuesdays:

Play & Learn (Heights) 9:30am
Career Catalyst Center
1pm

Wednesdays:

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Thursdays:

Career Catalyst Center 1pm
Writers' Group, 4/5, 19, 7pm
Book Night, 4/26 7pm (Annex)

Fridays:

Technology Help, 4/6, 13, 20
12:00pm
Poetry Reading with Claudia Castro Luna, 4/20 7pm

Saturdays:

Asotin Branch Closed 4/28

Expanded hours at the Heights Branch: M-S 10am-5pm

Featured Resources

Washington State Poet Laureate Coming to Clarkston Connecting Washington to the Power of Poetry

Claudia Castro Luna, 2018-2020 Washington State Poet Laureate, will be at Asotin County Library on April 20 at 7pm. She will read a selection of her poetry. Join Washington State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna as she builds awareness and appreciation of poetry — including the state’s legacy of poetry — through this public reading.

ABOUT CLAUDIA CASTRO LUNA
Castro Luna fled war-torn El Salvador for the United States at the age of 14 with her family, and went on to earn an MFA in poetry and an MA in urban planning. After working as a K-12 teacher, she became Seattle’s first Civic Poet, a position appointed by the mayor. In that position, Castro Luna won acclaim for her [Seattle Poetic Grid](#), an online interactive map showcasing poems about different locations around the city. The grid landed her an interview on PBS NewsHour. She is the author of the poetry chapbook “This City”

and the collection “Killing Mariás.” She succeeds poets Tod Marshall (2016-2018), Elizabeth Austen (2014-2016), Kathleen Flenniken (2012–2014), and Sam Green (2007–2009).

“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

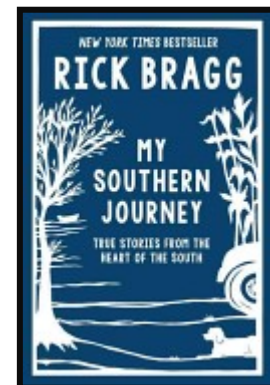
Are you interested in learning more about new books? Or getting together with others to discuss highlights or interesting passages of selected books?

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

April selection:
My Southern Journey

By Rick Bragg

We’ll see you April 26 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.

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

Don’t let a little construction put you off—we’re still available to help job seekers.

Bev is available in the Annex

M/W 2-5pm & T/TH 1-4pm
No appointment needed
See You Soon!



Bev Rhoades

Poetry Contest

Calling all poets!

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, we're having a poetry contest. Winning poems in each of four age divisions (Grades K-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12, Adult) will be displayed in the Library Annex and on the library's website. Poems

must be submitted by 5 pm on Saturday, April 28. Entry forms can be picked up at the Library Annex, the Heights and Asotin Branches or downloaded from the library's website at: <http://www.asotincountylibrary.org> For more information, call

758-5454. The Library Annex is at 407 Sycamore, Clarkston, WA 99403.

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

Susan Paula, Chair
Mary Jackson
Bryce Kammers
Jenni Light
Doug Renggli
Carol Ingram

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.

Steve Martin, President
Betty Lou Gano, Vice President
Jerry Hendrickson, Treasurer
Jean Hendrickson, Secretary

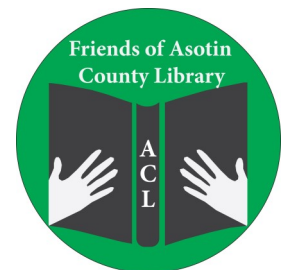
The Friends are looking for new members who want to become involved with such things as reading programs,

keeping book sections in order, raising money for summer 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 per week). 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.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2pm



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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

www.asotincountylibrary.org



Asotin County Library

Asotin County Library Foundation

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.

While we want you to continue to use the library while we are operating out of the Annex, there are other options.

We have expanded the hours at the Heights Branch so it is now open 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday.

The Asotin Branch is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 2:30 to 6pm and Saturdays from 12:30 to 3:30pm.

Use our webpage for access to eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Washington Anytime Library and through VALNet OverDrive.

Use the webpage to access databases such as Auto Repair Reference Center, HeritageQuest, and others to locate financial information, homework help and general information.

Find eBooks and eComic Books using Biblioboard.

Peruse BookNews to learn about new books and materials in your areas of interest. You can place holds directly in VALNet or give us a call at 758-5454 and we can place the hold for you.

We'll let you know when your holds are available for pickup.

Thank you for your support of the library and your patience during this time of construction.

Spotlight on Success

Meet **Robert McDonald**, one of our Library Assistants at ACL. Robert joined ACL in January, 2017 and brings previous library experience to the job as well as a keen talent in the technology arena. Robert is one of those individuals who truly has a passion for new technologies and especially for helping individuals learn and use their specific technology. Although Robert has a solid foundation in today's technology, he admits that it also keeps him on his toes to stay current with all of the changes and challenges that occurs daily in the technology field. Call the Library for tech help appointment if you have technology questions or need help. Robert is also excited to help people access any variety of resources offered at the library and encourages patrons to ask any of the library staff for help.

In his spare time (which is somewhat limited), Robert enjoys all types of games, i.e. computer games, board games, card games, etc. His current favorite computer game is Civilization 6 and his favorite board game is Pandemic Legacies. Those are subject to change at a moment's notice if something new strikes his fancy!!!

Plans for the future include completing his Mechanical Engineering program at LCSC and then going into business for himself helping people with their inventions and mechanical gadgets. In the meantime, he's available to assist patrons with their library needs.

When I asked Robert what he would like people to know about him he says he loves helping people, is excited about anything to do with technology and is looking forward to the future.

However, the one thing he never did was play basketball (even though he is well over 6 feet tall!!!!!!)

Stop by and meet Robert- you'll find him most helpful and extremely knowledgeable.



Robert McDonald

Electrical work happening in the middle of the staff



Main floor with mezzanine overhead and elevator shaft framed in with scissor lift beside it.

