

ASOTIN COUNTY LIBRARY

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Message from Jennifer Ashby, Director

Throughout this newsletter you will find several new things that are happening at the library in the new year – our way of saying Happy 2019!

New programs for adults include Overdrive classes and True Story – our new non-fiction book club. We are also bringing back Basic Computing. Now being taught by library staff, this class will include familiarizing students with the parts of the computer and move on to basic word processing, email and internet searching. Sign up is required. Call the library at 509-758-5454.

New STEM programs for kids include Cubelets Robot Fun workshops being offered in January and MakeCode classes which will be offered throughout the year. These classes

will replace the computer coding classes that we have been teaching to kids ages 10 and up for the last several years. In addition to teaching coding concepts, MakeCode allows students to move directly into coding with Java Script, one of the most commonly used computer programming languages. We will soon be receiving virtual reality equipment from the Washington State Library as part of a project where

libraries work with Oculus (manufacturers of the VR units) to provide educational content in this cutting edge technology. Another exciting new thing is our magazine shelving cabinets have arrived. Locally built by Funke's Custom Cabinets, they are higher quality at less cost and absolutely beautiful. We can now put out past issues of magazines and newspapers, making even better use of the adult reading area in the new mezzanine.



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Upcoming events for January

Mondays

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Tuesdays

Play & Learn 9:30

Career Catalyst Center 1pm

Color Me Happy 1/8 6:30pm

Overdrive Workshop 1/15 6:30pm; 1/22 2pm

Wednesdays

(Heights) **Play & Learn** 9:30

Career Catalyst Center 2pm

Thursdays

Career Catalyst Center 1pm

Cubelets Robot Fun 1/17

3:30pm

Book Night 1/23 7pm

Writers Group, 1/17, 7pm

Fridays

Tech Help 1/4, 18, 10am

Saturdays

Tech Help 1/12m 27 10am

Love My Uke-LC Valley 1/5, 19 2pm

Cubelets Robot Fun 1/12 11a,m

Spotlight on Success

Meet Jennifer Ashby, Director of the Asotin County Library. Jennifer joined ACL in February 2001 and came with a solid library background. She holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Arizona. She spent 18 years at the LCSC library before moving to ACL. Jennifer's mission is very simple—"We are here to meet and serve the needs of this community—what they like, what they think can be improved on", and she goes the extra mile to make that happen. She is most excited and proud of the strong community/patron support the library receives, the great staff she works with every day, the ongoing support she receives from the Board of Trustees, the Asotin County Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library as well as the many

volunteers who spend time and resources ensuring the success and sustainability of this very special library. As with any small rural library, there are challenges along the way. Today, one of the challenges is finishing up the building renovations and securing appropriate financing to accomplish that. The community has been a tremendous help in meeting some of those costs, but costs continue to increase and state mandates limit resources. However, "we work diligently to seek grants and other sources of revenue to meet our needs and keep our community well served."

In her spare time, Jennifer and her husband Chris enjoy spending time together with family and friends. They have two children, Chris, who is 35, married and

fights fires on the Baker River Hotshots and Sarah, a Fine Arts major at the University of Idaho. She also enjoys scuba diving, travel and when time permits—Yoga!!!! She makes pottery and is very active in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and helping exchange students experience positive and rewarding exchanges around the world.

If you haven't yet met Jennifer – stop by and say hello. You'll find her most willing to do her best to provide a well-rounded experience you might not be expecting at this small rural library. If you know her, stop by and say hello—you'll make her day and you'll be glad you did.

"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

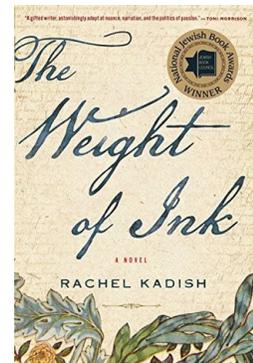
Book Club for Adults

The library will soon host two book clubs! Both are drop-in, meaning you don't need to register to attend, and everyone is welcome! Just read or listen to the books and come ready to participate in a lively discussion! Discussion titles are available at valnet.org, valnet.overdrive.com, or anytime.overdrive.com.

Book night meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Library's meeting room.

January 24 "The Weight of Ink" Rachel Kadish

True Story: a non-fiction book club starts in February and will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am in the Conference Room.



Career Catalyst Center

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

We can help!!!

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

- Job Search
- On-line application
- Resume
- Cover letter

- Explore new careers
- Strengthen your technology skills
- Or just need someone to talk with about your job search.

For individuals wanting to practice for the GED test, recent grads or anyone needing a little practice before taking college entrance tests, occupation

exams, or other licensing exams, ACL offers practice tests in many areas. Stop by and check it out!! No appointments needed And best of all it's **FREE!!**

Bev is located in the Conference Room 2nd Floor,

M/W 2-5pm & T/Th 1-4pm



Beverly Rhoades

Kids Programs, Literacy Tips and More

By Mary Neuman, Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian

Cubelets Robot Fun

Come one, come all to the ultimate robot hour! In this session, we will introduce the Cubelets basics, then embark on some seriously perplexing challenges. Part building block, part robot, Cubelets are a fun and easy way to get into robotics. These color-coded kits have different blocks to sense the world around them and perform various actions

Can you build a robot that knows to turn on in the dark? Follow a line? Act as a motion-activated alarm light? You'll learn how to think like a robot to complete these challenges - and many more! Recommended for age 8 and up. Parents encouraged to attend!

Come to one of these programs and use your creativity while learning the basics of computational thinking!

Saturday Jan. 12 11-12
Thursday Jan. 17 3:30-4:30pm



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promotes a
prosperous
community, a
literate society,
and lifelong
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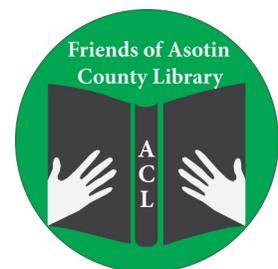
The Friends of the Asotin County Library support the library by purchasing equipment and materials, facilitating the library book sale and other events.

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 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 a week). Drop off during regular library hours or call 758-5454 for pick up.



Featured Resources

Mary Neuman, Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian



What is [NoveList Plus](#)? NoveList Plus is a complete resource for fiction and nonfiction pleasure reading. Click on Reader's Corner on the library's website to find it. You'll find lists of Recommended Reads by genre, Read-a-likes for your favorite authors and titles, personalized recommendations, lists of award winners and more. An especially popular feature is the ability to search by series. You can find a tutorial for NoveList Plus by clicking [here](#) or going to our website and clicking on the Tutorials tab on the right hand of your screen. Explore [NoveList Plus](#) today and find your next book!

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- **Read-alike recommendations**

Our recommendations are crafted by experts, and we let you know who wrote a recommendation and why the recommendation makes sense. We offer recommendations for titles, authors, and series.

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The same expertise NoveList has always used to recommend print books is now applied to audiobooks.

- **Series information**

A common challenge for readers -- NoveList Plus has full series information. If you're not sure of the series name, use the Search box, specifying title.

- **NoveList has appeal**

Appeal factors are terms that help you decide whether or not a book is "your style".

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Top ten, best of, favorites --there are hundreds of reading lists that make it really easy to quickly find great books to read.

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There are A LOT of book awards out there -- Caldecott Medal, Pulitzer, Man Booker, etc. We offer ONE place to find them all.

Adult Services, Programs & Events

by Erin Kolb, adult services librarian

Reading Challenge

Each year I like to challenge myself to read a set number of books. I have done this for several years, tracking the books I read on Goodreads. In 2011, I had a goal of reading 40 books, but only got through 32. I closed out 2018 having read 56 books! My reading game improved once I discovered Overdrive and started listening to audiobooks on my morning “commute.” “Commute” because it’s only 10 minutes, but you’d be surprised how much reading I get done between going to work, heading home for lunch, coming back to work and then back home. Add a few errands and before you know it, I’ve read for an hour ... just by driving around town.

This year I want to up my game and challenge myself to read a bit harder and to read outside of my comfort zone. I found that POPSUGAR and Book Riot offer great reading challenges. Samples of their reading suggestions: a debut novel, a book by two female authors, a retelling of a classic, novel based on a true story, a book of manga, a book by a journalist, a novel by a trans or nonbinary author, a self-published book, a book of nonviolent true crime.

Do you set reading goals? How do you keep track? Looking to challenge your reading game too? I’d love to know more about what you read and how you discover books, and if you’d like any book suggestions, just ask! I’d love to introduce you to some new or different titles. Happy reading!



Overdrive Workshops – Tuesday, January 15 or Tuesday, January 22

Want to borrow ebooks and digital audiobooks for free from your library? Of course you do! Learn how using your personal device (smartphone, tablet, Kindle) with Overdrive. This 1-hour workshop will start with a short tutorial, answer questions you might have and offer personalized help. Bring your device and library card! Two dates to choose from: **Tuesday, January 15 from 6:30 - 7:30pm** in Library Annex or **Tuesday, January 22 from 2 – 3pm** in Meeting Room.

True Story: a non-fiction book club

We are adding a morning book discussion group to our program schedule! Starting in February, this new group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. We will gather in the upstairs Conference Room to discuss contemporary non-fiction, drink coffee (or tea!) and engage in some serious – and not so serious – conversation about true stories. Reserve your copy today at valnet.org, valnet.overdrive.com, or anytime.ovedrive.com. Everyone is welcome!

10am Wednesday, February 20 "The Stranger in the Woods: the Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit"
by Michael Finkel

10am Wednesday, March 20 "The Map Thief: the Gripping Story of an Esteemed Rare-Map Dealer Who Made Millions Stealing Priceless Maps" by Michael Blanding



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Erin is reading "A Terrible Country" by Keith Gessen and listening to "Young Jane Young

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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:

- 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.

