

KNOW VOLUNTEERS

Library Volunteers Make A Difference

Programs Galore!

There are always plenty of activities at the Deschutes Public Library: Beginning computer classes, writing workshops, author visits, book clubs and discussions. There are also countless children's activities, including storytime, reading to dogs, and fun food projects. For a calendar of February and March events follow this link to discover more www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/eventguide.pdf

Program Highlight

Author! Author!

Now in its seventh season, the Author! Author! Literary Series continues to engage the Central Oregon community with a wide range of authors. To-date for the 2018–2019 season: Maria Semple, Sarah Vowell, and Colum McCann. Finishing out the series is Richard Russo on March 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Riverhouse Convention Center.

PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR
RICHARD RUSSO
WHEN Thursday, March 14 • 7:00 p.m.
WHERE Riverhouse on the Deschutes

THE DESTINY THIEF
EMPIRE FALLS
RICHARD RUSSO

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!
LITERARY SERIES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Richard Russo is the author of eight novels, most recently *Everybody's Fool* and *That Old Cape Magic*. He received the Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for his novel *Empire Falls*. His most recent collection is *The Destiny Thief: Essays on Writing, Writers, and Life*. Additional awards include The Indie Champion Award by the American Booksellers Association as well as France's Grand Prix de Littérature Américaine. Russo is also a screenwriter, having written the teleplay for the HBO adaptation of *Empire Falls* as well as other screenplays. For information and tickets, visit www.dplfoundation.org.



Downtown Bend Library Volunteer Expo

On Sunday, January 27, Deschutes Public Library hosted the 11th Annual Volunteer Expo: Know Volunteers. Twenty-nine organizations utilizing volunteers in support of their missions exhibited and talked with over 350 people who are looking for new ways to give back to their community. The Humane Society of Central Oregon, The Opportunity Foundation, The American Red Cross, and The Bend Food Project were just a few of the organizations represented. It was a wonderful response and showing of community here in Central Oregon.



Candace Brey: Serving Children Through Storytime



Storytime looks like fun and games, but library storytimes are carefully designed to develop and strengthen the early literacy skills that are essential to being kindergarten ready. Deschutes Public Library matches highly trained volunteers with private daycares and preschools for weekly library-style storytimes. Our Read, Rhyme, and Romp (RRR) volunteers allow us to bring the benefits of storytime to children at locations we wouldn't otherwise be able to

serve. Candace Brey has been a treasured RRR storytime volunteer since 2016.

Candace's passion for serving children dates all the way back to the summer of love, when as a flower child she was struck by the idea that you could change the world by teaching children to be kind. Since then she's been a preschool teacher, a preschool center director, and an elementary school teacher. Later, she became an educator of educators, first at COCC (and spending evenings traveling to Warm Springs to work with the teachers there) and then at OSU-Cascades, where she taught aspiring teachers developmentally appropriate early childhood education, within the context of the family and community.

Candace says she appreciates the RRR program for taking down the walls between the library and future potential library-users. "The children in child care settings are often from working families who may not be free to bring them to the libraries for storytime. It really is a win for the children and families, a win for the RRR volunteers, and a win for the library!" she says.

How does she like bringing storytime to her preschool? "I feel like a storytime rock star," she says. "The children are so excited to see me!" But Candace is modest about her rock star status, crediting the break from routine along with her vast experience and love of interacting with children. "We have fun and laughs along with the language discoveries and learning." She equates working with young children to being one thread in a cloth, becoming a part of who they are and who they'll become. Candace appreciates the joy of working with children. "Doing storytime at the preschool is a gift to the children and staff, I know, but it is the cherry on my cake. Every. Time."

- **Home library:** East Bend, mainly, but also Downtown Bend
- **Currently reading:** Michelle Obama's *Becoming*. "It's like a box of chocolate you want to devour it all at once but you also want to save it and make it last."
- **Most influential book:** *Courage to Teach* by Parker Palmer
- **Favorite book from childhood:** *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper, and an adventure story set in the 1920s, *Stowaways in Paradise* by Don Blanding
- **Book that makes you laugh or cry:** Anything by Anne Lamott or Clarissa Pinkola Estés.
- **Guilty pleasure:** American Idol
- **Favorite place to read:** In bed. With chocolate.
- **E-reader or paper:** Old school

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Book Club for Seniors: Volunteers Nan Bogdan & Florence Beier



Nan & Florence

The library at Touchmark at Mount Bachelor Village is a circular room practically overflowing with neatly stacked books provided by donations from its residents. With its overstuffed chairs, nook seating, and that familiar scent of paper and bindings, it would be the perfect backdrop for Touchmark’s monthly book club—if only it were just a tad larger. With 17 regular members, the book club has hit its capacity.

At the helm of this highly organized monthly meeting is Nan Bogdan and Florence Beier, neighbors and residents at Touchmark. According to Nan, she is the “organizer” who keeps the lists, emails residents, and is responsible for book logistics, and Florence is the “facilitator,” a herder of cats, which is a perfect role for her as she is a trained and experience meeting facilitator.

Now in their fourth year co-hosting the monthly book clubs, it was a story of loss that brought them together. Both their husbands were failing and it was Florence’s husband’s hospice volunteer who started the book club at Touchmark, leading the women to both become members. Not long after joining, they were struck with another bout of tragedy, this time with the then-facilitator. Florence explains, “...she had started a book club here and we met once or twice and then she died!” Both women were determined to keep the club going so they made the decision to continue leading.

Both Nan and Florence have similar lifestyles: both say they are lucky to have their families living in Bend and they both love the outdoors. Florence says she has been snowshoeing and Nan has been biking, despite her biking group’s preference for going electric! The duo had even trained for the sprinting portion of the Pole Pedal Paddle two years ago, a time they look back on with laughs and good memories.

Currently reading

Nan: *Educated* by Tara Westover and *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Florence: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama and *21 Lessons for the 21st Century* by Yuval Harari

Most influential book

Nan: *Pollyanna* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Florence: *Gone with the Wind* and *Winnie the Pooh*

Favorite section to browse

Nan: Upstairs—the New Book Section with the trade novels; Downstairs—Hot Titles

Florence: Biography

Favorite book from childhood

Nan: *Black Beauty*, *Golden Sovereign*, and *Nancy Drew*

Florence: *Winnie the Pooh*

Book that made you laugh or cry

Nan: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Florence: *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Guilty pleasure

Nan: When burnt out on serious books I like to read Janet Evanovich

Florence: Watching “Jeopardy” on TV

Favorite place to read

Nan: In bed

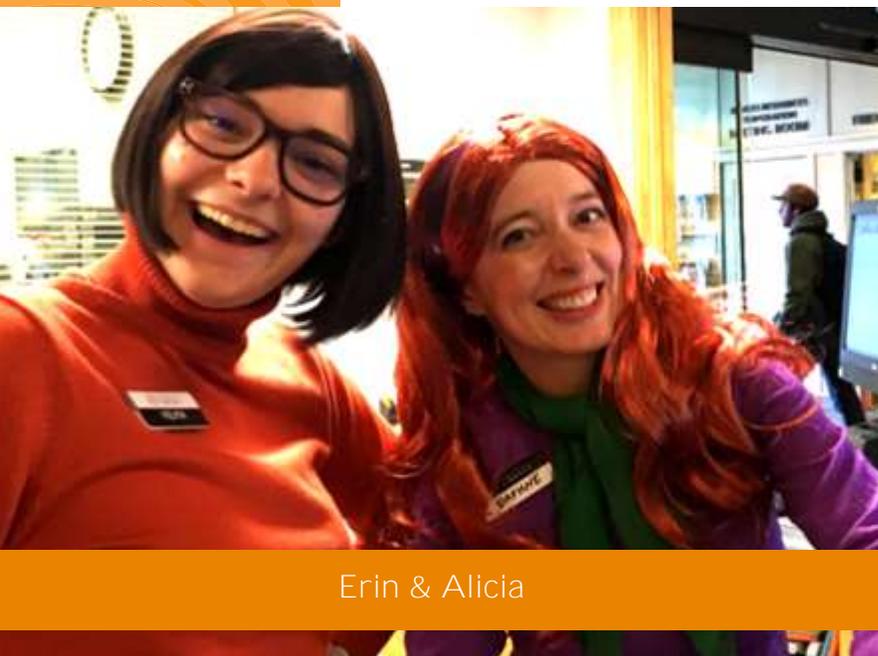
Florence: By the window during daytime and in bed at night

E-reader or paper

Nan: Paper, but e-reader for travel

Florence: Both

Bonus: Nan let me know her favorite books they read as a book club were *A Man Called Ove* and *Astoria*



Erin & Alicia

Erin Weaver Downtown Bend

Erin grew up in Bend and has always had a passion for books and libraries. Throughout high school and college, Erin volunteered with the Downtown Bend Library and could be found in the stacks shelving whenever she had spare time. Erin began working at the Deschutes Public Library shortly after college and has been involved with many facets of the library, including working with volunteers all the while working towards her MLIS.

In addition to her love of books, Erin has great fondness for pets and aspires one day have a dog as “big as a bear.” In the meantime she has a cat named Cat. When not at the library, studying for her MLIS, or reading, Erin enjoys video games and cooking.

- **Currently reading:** *The Best Bad Things* by Katrina Marie Carrasco
- **Most influential book:** *Four Seasons in Rome* by Anthony Doerr
- **Favorite section to browse:** Cookbooks
- **Favorite book from childhood:** *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis

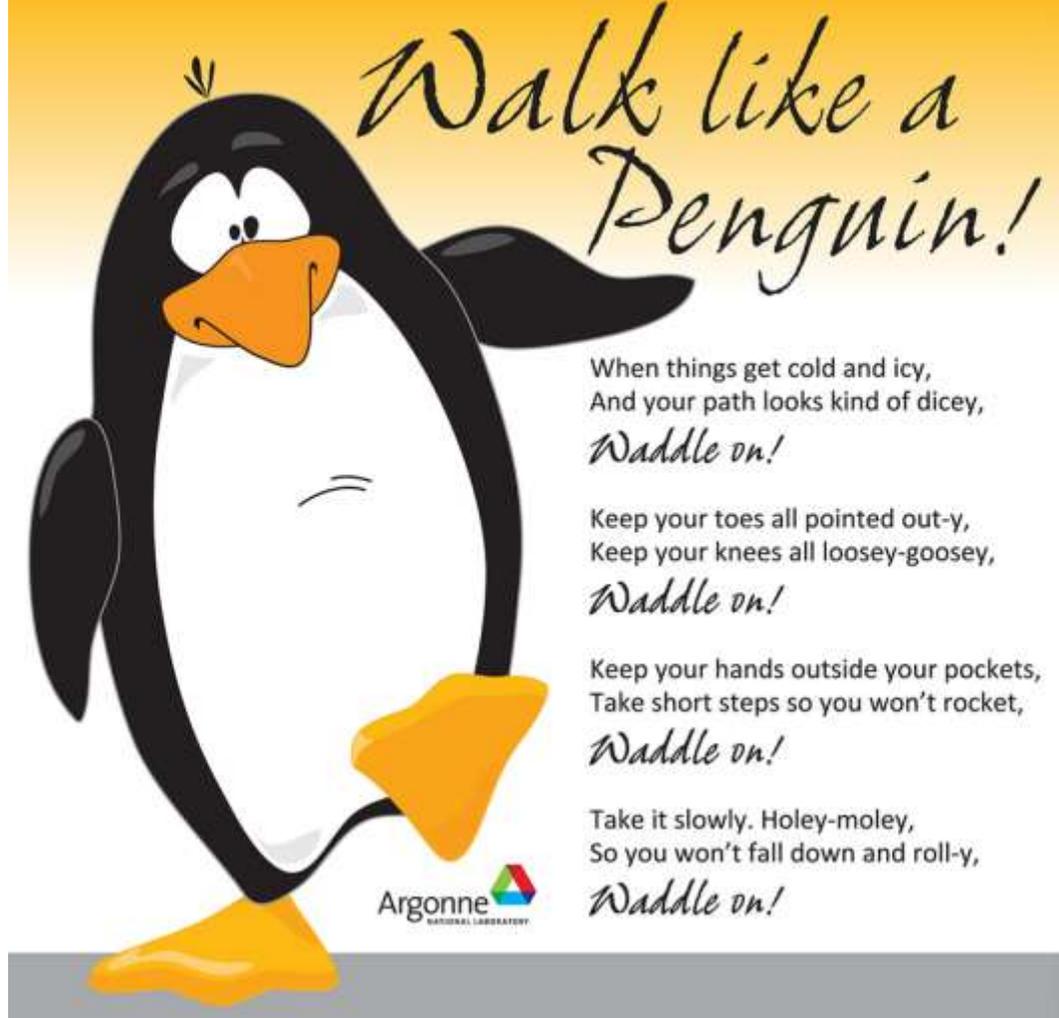
- **Book that made you laugh or cry:** *Turtles all the Way Down* by John Green
- **Guilty pleasure:** Chick lit
- **Favorite place to read:** Thump
Coffee with a great cup of coffee
- **E-reader or paper:** Depends on what I’m reading.

Alicia Hall Downtown Bend

Alicia grew up in rural Indiana and spent college and early work life in South Bend, Indiana. For a brief period she lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in both cities worked in libraries in the circulation and children’s departments. After just six months in Kalamazoo, Alicia and her husband moved to Bend for his work, but Kalamazoo’s loss was Bend’s gain! Alicia started working with DPL and then began her MLIS along with Erin while working at Deschutes Public Library.

When not at the library Alicia likes to watch humorous TV (“The Office” is a favorite) and loves being outdoors (admittedly not fond of adrenaline-producing activities, Alicia loves biking, kayaking, and hiking). Traveling is another beloved activity for Alicia having just returned from 10 days in the Philippines.

- **Currently reading:** *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward
- **Most influential book:** *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard
- **Favorite section to browse:** Admittedly hard to pick one section, the top two are cookbooks & fairy tales
- **Favorite book from childhood:** *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- **Book that makes you laugh or cry:** *Santaland Diaries* by David Sedaris
- **Guilty pleasure:** Music and suspenseful historical mysteries
- **Favorite place to read:** On the balcony in the summer or the couch with a cat and coffee or lemonade
- **E-reader or paper:** Paper, unless traveling



Winter Safety Tips

Storms, ice, snow closures! What to do?

There are times when, due to inclement weather, Deschutes Public Libraries may open late, close early or perhaps close for a day. News of any closures is updated on the DPL website, the DPL Facebook page, and with local media outlets. If you are wondering about closure status call (541) 312-1026 for up-to-date information. Your safety is always most important. If you feel uncertain or uncomfortable coming for your volunteer shift we encourage you to contact your local volunteer liaison or library staff at your location.

Navigating ice and snow can be tricky. Walking like a penguin, although it may seem silly, is very handy when trying to avoid slipping and falling!

You'll find additional winter safety tips here:

National Safety Council:

www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/winter

CDC:

www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/index.html

