The Eclipse is Coming August 21, 2017
The influx of visitors to Central Oregon is anticipated to create challenges for several days ahead and following the eclipse. Err on the side of caution and don’t drive unless you must—including your volunteer work with the library. Stay at home to avoid crowds or parking. We encourage you to be safe and prepared. **All Deschutes Public Libraries are closed on Monday, August 21 and reopen at noon on Tuesday, August 22.**
Resources and general eclipse information is at: www.deschuteslibrary.org/eclipse.
Volunteers have rocked our world in so many ways over the last 12 months with over 19,500 hours of support and over 60 new volunteers. The numbers are impressive but most important—our communities are made richer every day with the tremendous support and camaraderie volunteers provide to all. Thank you volunteers for all you do every day!

**Shirley Carlson at Sunriver Library**

Shirley was born and raised in rural Minnesota. A few months after getting married, Madison, Wisconsin became home for the next 4 years. Next, it was Salem, Oregon where they raised two sons. Here began Shirley’s library volunteering with the West Salem Public Library. In 2001 she and her husband moved to Sunriver. For four years Shirley continued to support her love of libraries before wintering elsewhere. Now back in Oregon full-time, Shirley is also back to the Sunriver Library shelving every week.

In addition to being around books and putting them in order, Shirley loves the atmosphere in libraries and the Sunriver staff.

“I keep reading Craig Johnson’s *Longmire* mysteries for sheer enjoyment, and Sue Grafton’s Kinsey Millhone alphabet series.” states Shirley. “Both of those authors make me laugh as I bite my fingernails wondering how the mysteries are going to be solved. I just finished Peter Hessler’s non-fiction *Country Driving, A Chinese Road Trip*. My recent, most favorite book is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.”

**Norma Post at Downtown Bend Library**

Norma is currently a “puller” for DPL’s HomeWord Bound program.

Norma spent her youth in Chicago and married her high school sweetheart. After working in advertising, Bend became home for Norma and her husband in 1985. She has volunteered with the library for many years and finds it “lovely to be lost in the stacks of a place you love to be. Books take the reader to parts and experiences unknown.”

From childhood, Norma remembers *The Secret Garden* and *The Hardy Boys* series as some of her favorites. She is currently enjoying A George Pelecanos mystery and Joseph Girzone’s book *Never Alone*. 
VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION!
Each spring throughout the district we like to celebrate our volunteers—this year was no exception. Here is a sampling of pictures from the photo booth at the Downtown Bend Library and East Bend Library celebrations.
Join our team of DPL volunteer book club facilitators!
Deschutes Public Library is looking for facilitators for the library’s Bend area senior book clubs. Book club facilitators help Bend community’s senior residents connect to their library, engage in intellectual stimulation, and most importantly enjoy lively social interaction.

Facilitators work in teams delivering books and encouraging discussion at monthly book club meetings. We are currently looking for facilitators at the Whispering Winds and Cascades of Bend residential facilities.

For more information contact Alyssa Bennett at alyssab@deschuteslibrary.org or (541) 617-7054.

SPECIAL MENTION: Mona Daly, a Downtown Bend volunteer (along with her son Evan) for the last 3 ½ years, won the 2017 Pole, Pedal, Paddle design contest. Congratulations Mona!