**Director’s Message**

Libraries are the living embodiment of a community. A library is one of the few places where everyone is welcome, where all walks of life come together, and where we gather as a community. The library belongs to the people. A great library is responsive to the needs and desires of a community.

The library is lucky to have stable financial support, which reflects the longstanding importance that voters placed on having great libraries. However, great libraries do not just happen because of funding. Great libraries come about because people are invested in the mission, care about supporting others, and are dedicated to enriching lives and building community.

As volunteers, you embody the library as a place for the people. You are living examples of the importance that we place on community. With your help, we do not just serve the community. With your help we are the community.

Thank you all for your dedication and support.

Todd Dunkelberg, Library Director

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**Volunteer Services Coordinator’s Message**

We have a variety of assignments volunteers assist with in our libraries. From audio-visual inspection to shelving materials to reading to preschoolers through our Read, Rhyme & Romp program to facilitating senior book groups at the Bend Senior Center and senior living facilities in our community, the tasks are vast and varied. We are fortunate to have such amazing community members support us in our libraries. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!

Judy England
Volunteer Services Coordinator
Calling All Shelvers!

For all our volunteers who are in and out of our stacks shelving materials, thank you very much for all the work you do getting materials back to the shelf for the next customer! A couple of reminders:

**New or Hot Title Books**
The library showcases these in their own special spot but they have been known to sneak onto a cart and can get shelved in the stacks! Keep an eye out.

**Appealing Shelves**
Thank you for tidying up as you go. Straightening up and pulling books forward to make materials say “take me home for a good read” is working.

**The Front and Back End of the Shelf**
As you’re shelving, you may find the book you’re putting away goes on the next shelf or you may perhaps find the next book you’d like to take home to read!

Over 2 million items were circulated this year and we couldn’t do it without you!

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**The Friends of the Library**
The Deschutes Public Library Friends of Library groups actively support the library district through book sales providing funding to enhance the book collection, help with early literacy outreach and support our community book read, A Novel Idea...Read Together.

For more information on our Friends of the Library groups click here: www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/support/friends
Summer Updates

The Summer Reading Program—A Universe of Stories—is in full swing! Sign up and get your free book and attend one of the many programs being offered this summer!

Open Computer Lab

Did you know that questions involving electronic devices, like how to download books or solve computer conundrums, can be answered at each of our libraries? Open Lab time or one-on-one assistance is available. Check the online calendar for classes or speak to your Volunteer Liaison to learn more. www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar

New Hours

Starting August 1, Deschutes Public Library customers will have 34 additional hours each week during which time they can access library buildings and services. The increased hours—which include earlier opening and/or later closing times at various libraries in the district—allow customers of all ages to use the library at a wider variety of times, something asked for by people in the Central Oregon community.

Author! Author! Literary Series—Season 8

The Deschutes Public Library Foundation is excited to announce we are creating a literary season from January–May 2020. We’ll have three exceptional, award-winning authors visiting in January, February, and March followed by a month-long “A Novel Idea” celebration in April and a visit from the “A Novel Idea” author in early May. We look forward to sharing some of the greatest thinkers and writers of our time with the Central Oregon community. The slate of featured Author! Author! presenters will be announced in October 2019. Stay tuned!
Sara Farina

Sara’s long career with Deschutes Public Library has seen many changes in staff, buildings, and customers. She started with DPL in 2008 at the Sunriver Library, in 2011 moved to the East Bend Library. She loves helping customers, excels at “all things database related” and loves a good search question or puzzle. Sara is very adept at Reader’s Advisory questions for youth, teen, and adult. In the last year Sara joined the volunteer team and helped plan and coordinate a very successful volunteer training session.

On a personal note, Sara loves her home, tends her flower and vegetable garden, hikes around Central Oregon, and diligently walks her mighty corgi, Zoey. She originated on the East coast but has called the Fall River and Bend area home for many years. She homeschooled her daughters utilizing the wealth of the library’s databases, search engines and collections! Both daughters graduated from Bend High; one has completed college and the second is almost done. Sara also volunteers extensively with the IB program at Bend High encouraging students to reach for the stars and achieve their goals.

What are you currently reading?
March Forward, Girl by Melba P. Beals.

What has been your most influential book?
Probably the series What Your Kindergartener, 1st Grader, 2nd Grader, etc, etc Needs to Know. I homeschooled my daughters and these books helped me to know we were on track.

What is your favorite book from childhood?
Anything Dr. Seuss.

Which is your favorite section of the library?
Why? Adult non-fiction. I like true stories that are well written.

E-reader or print? Print

Where is your favorite place to read?
On a blanket by the side of a lake, but also an over-stuffed chair will do and also listening in my car.

Cheri Schmitt

Cheri also has a long history with the Deschutes Public Library starting in 1990 when she worked in Tech Services. She has many stories regarding the old days and is a wealth of information. Cheri left the library to raise her children in 2001 and rejoined in 2012 at the Sunriver Library. Cheri accepted a 30-hour position at the East Bend Library in 2017 and became all things volunteer when she arrived. Cheri designed the volunteer bulletin board complete with names and photos and recently concluded a successful training session with a record attendance and participation.

Cheri is busy when not at the library with tasks at home, tending her vegetable and flower gardens, running for pleasure and spending time with her large extended family from the valley. Cheri’s daughter attends college in the valley and her son is starting his gap year adventure.

What are you currently reading?
Travel books about Ireland because I’m planning a trip there with my mother, sister, daughter, and niece in September. Along with the travel books I’m reading Wild Places by Robert Macfarlane, which is the author’s description of seeking out the remaining wild places in Great Britain and Ireland. Beautiful and surprising!

What has been your most influential book?
An impossible question to answer because there can never be just one. I had an awful lot of Sunday school growing up so how could I not say the Bible? But I was absolutely drawn to and influenced by stories such as Never Cry Wolf, I Heard the Owl Call My Name, and the poetry of Robert Service—all set in the great outdoors where I’m sure I still belong!

What is your favorite book from childhood?
Miss Twiggly’s Tree, which I can still recite mostly by heart. There is—surprise—a funny lady who is shy and lives in a huge tree with her dog and a bunch of friendly bears.

Which is your favorite section of the library?
Why? Gardening, cookbooks and fiction, all the things I love and want more time for....

E-reader or print? Print

Where is your favorite place to read?
Outside in a hammock or beach chair, on a train, or in a window seat on a rainy day.
Volunteer Stories: Zach Dehnert, Redmond Library

It’s clear after visiting with Zach for just a few minutes just how truly passionate he is about computers. Zach currently attends COCC for network administration and cybersecurity and every Monday he volunteers four hours as a computer assistant helping customers with computer questions. His love of computers, working with them and with people shine through when he speaks about his work.

Zach’s volunteering with the library fills a great need for the library and supports staff in a variety of ways. Helping library customers keeps Zach, as he says, “...sharp with troubleshooting” with each situation having its own approach for solving. It also provides him the opportunity to work with many different people. While a bit cliché, this is a win-win situation. The Redmond staff are effusive about Zach’s abilities, the ease of working with him, and the wonderful support he provides the customers.

Being able to show a faster way to do things on the computer makes Zach smile as he often hears “it would have taken forever if you weren’t here to help.” When assisting a customer in navigating the world of job applications Zach hopes, in some small way, his help makes a difference and helps them obtain a job.

Asked which artist (writer, journalist, painter, photographer, etc.) he’d like to share a meal with Zach selected Kevin Mitnick, a cybersecurity professional who once was a criminal hacker but now resides on the good side of cybersecurity. Zach enjoyed learning what made Mr. Mitnick want to be a better person and enjoyed reading about his past exploits. (Sounds fascinating—we’ll need to read Mr. Mitnick’s books to find out!)

Zach’s other passions include volunteering with an online gaming community facilitating a positive atmosphere for those playing games. Although it may seem that Zach spends most of his days in front of a computer don’t be misled: one of Zach’s favorite things to do is to hop in a car and go on a road trip with no destination in mind—just get out and explore!

Thank you, Zach, for all your hard work at the Redmond Library!