

History and Future of Deschutes Public Library

As we move forward into the next 100 years, there are discussions and questions about the history and future of Deschutes Public Library. Information can be found by visiting the library's website, www.deschuteslibrary.org, or by clicking on these quick links: [History](#) and [Future](#).

New at Deschutes Public Library

RFID and New Self-Checkout Kiosks

A RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system is now in place at all Deschutes Public Library locations. This system includes new self-check kiosks and behind-the-scenes technology helping with inventory control and maintenance. Fortitude and patience were in full swing over the last several months as the workrooms were full of extra carts and supplies as materials were tagged to accompany the new system. As the system goes "live," volunteers assist customers in navigating the self-checks and new features, including scanning multiple books at a time.

New Collections

Romance – A collection of new and popular romance titles is now in place at every Deschutes Public Library location.

Games – Check out our new Games Collection floating around the district. Games can be checked out for three weeks and enjoyed at home. Or if you don't have a great space to host friends, you can reserve a room at the library!

Super Stars – Downtown Bend and Redmond libraries house a specialized collection called Super Stars, comprised of highly popular Lego and Star Wars titles. The titles in this collection are also found in the larger collection but are highlighted in a special location for kids.



ROMANCE
PAPERBACKS

VOLUNTEER STORIES ~ Downtown Bend Library

Dwain Fullerton



Dwain has volunteered with the Downtown Bend Library for more than three years where he assists with audio-visual inspection. “I like helping a cause I care about and enjoy the staff and their unfailing good cheer,” he says.

Speaking with Dwain felt like reading a history book. Dwain has a life with a wide range of experiences, travels, and adventures in conjunction with life’s ups and downs. At 88-years-old, changes and adventures are part of Dwain’s life story. And while fewer adventures may occur now compared to his younger days, he has no plans to stop and continues a life well-lived.

Dwain’s story begins growing up in California. High school was admittedly not his thing, so he attended a business skills school to learn bookkeeping and typing. After completing the business skills school, and on the suggestion of a friend, Dwain enlisted in the Coast Guard. He spent three years prior to and during the Korean War on the ocean aboard a decommissioned WWII destroyer escort ship assisting with beacon signal navigation for ships and planes.

After the Coast Guard, Dwain spent time in Mexico working and honing his Spanish language skills on a large hacienda comprised of several hundred acres of wheat. After returning to the states, Dwain’s next adventure was attending Monterey Peninsula College for a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and Stanford University for a master’s

degree in esthetics. While at Stanford, Dwain received two scholarships, a Fulbright and a Leadership scholarship, which led him back to South America—Peru in particular—to learn about the culture and increase his Spanish fluency.

Marriage, family life, and a prolific professional career encompass the next stage of Dwain’s life. He held positions at Stanford University and California Institute of Technology and worked as a fundraiser, meeting interesting people—including a few Nobel Laureates at Cal Tech—along the way. It was just five years ago that Dwain formally retired after being called back many times to new and old educational institutions to provide assistance with development and structural organization.

When asked what in addition to the library gives him joy, Dwain remarked, “The local symphony and Ashland plays. Performing arts pull the mind out of its container, air it, shake it, and return it refreshed.” When asked about influential books, one of Dwain’s favorites is *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, “...because at my age, it confirms that it’s worthwhile to pick causes, keep moving, and laugh at everything.”

We’re happy Dwain chooses to volunteer at Deschutes Public Library. Not only does he bring joy and insight into many topics, he occasionally brings staff chocolate! Thank you, Dwain, for all you do.

VOLUNTEER LIAISONS ~ Redmond Library Christiano Mazziotti and Jordan VanBuskirk

PARTNERS IN CRIME? No, more like a superhero comic book duo.

Christiano Mazziotti and Jordan VanBuskirk might not wear capes, but they are an amazingly strong combination of library knowledge, training excellence, good nature, and self-initiation. Together they take the shape of the Volunteer Liaison Team at the Redmond Library.

For a little more than two years, Christiano has been lifting library cards and scaling tall stacks of books in Redmond. Since his first day on the scene, Christiano has been a force in customer service and the go-to for customer technology dilemmas. In true form, Christiano swept in to learn the volunteer liaison craft from one of the best, recent retiree Renee Borys. Christiano's true calling may be teaching, (for which he is attending George Fox University), especially when I watch him train new volunteers.

Jordan has been with the library for more than a year and has quickly become a customer favorite for his detailed service and chats about interesting reads. When Jordan isn't in the library, he can be found rafting the rivers of America and playing music. While he has only been on the volunteer liaison team for a couple of months, I can already foresee the impact Jordan will make navigating the waters of the volunteer program. I look forward to him bringing a new spark to our volunteer activities. Jordan's superpower? Most definitely his ability to make everyone smile.

We are all lucky to have this dynamic duo in the Redmond Library!

Sonja Brandjes, Redmond Library Supervisor

Q&A

Q: What are you currently reading?

Christiano: Right now, I am reading a new series that I have wanted to start for a long time. It is Jeff Shaara's series of World War II Novels. I am currently on book number two, *No Less Than Victory*, which chronicles the ending stages of the war in Europe.

Jordan: I'm currently reading two books! A fiction and a nonfiction.

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The fiction is *Dune* by Frank Herbert and the nonfiction is *Upstream* by Mary Oliver. They are quite the unlikely pair, yet somehow going back and forth between them is working great.

Q: What has been your most influential book?

Christiano: *Moby Dick* has always been one of the most influential books for me. This book helped sharpen my love for reading. The way that Herman Melville wrote and the **language that he used throughout is my favorite aspect of the book. The chapter “The Pulpit” is a particular chapter that I find mesmerizing in its use of language and imagery.**

Jordan: *The River Why* by David James Duncan. It was one of those books that came into my life at the perfect time. I first read it in college, and have reread a few times since. I think about the story and its characters often.

Q: What is your favorite book from childhood?

Christiano: *Where the Red Fern Grows* was influential in inspiring my love for reading. It also helped influence my love for books, which center on human and canine relationships. I am a dog lover and a sucker for dog-centric novels.

Jordan: *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Without a doubt!

Q: Which is your favorite section of the library? Why?

Christiano: My favorite area of the library is the 900 section of the nonfiction area. I am a huge history buff, and I always find good reading ideas in that section.

Jordan: Adult fiction is my favorite section for a lot of reasons, but I think a quote by **Albert Camus sums it up best: “Fiction is the lie through which we tell the truth.”** I love the teen and juvenile fiction sections as well.

Q: E-reader or print?

Christiano: When it comes to reading, I love classic paper and ink. Like many readers, I love being able to hold a book. Additionally, one of my favorite smells in the world is a crisp new book.

Jordan: Print! I like flipping through pages and holding the physical book.

Q: Where is your favorite place to read?

Christiano: I love reading outside. One of my favorite things to do while camping in the summer is to read while lounging around the campsite, or out in nature. When the outdoors are a little harder to access though, I love to read anywhere that has a comfortable chair and good lighting. Having my dog next to me is also a plus.

Jordan: It depends on the season, but assuming the weather is warm, I love reading on the banks of the river. Ideally, with my feet dipping in the water.

