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Help Us Promote Family Reading

The Friends are looking for your support to create a new family-friendly reading area in the Children's Department of the Main Library.



This artist's rendering gives a sense of how this new space might look and feel.

According to a study by the National Commission on Reading "...reading aloud to children is the single most important intervention for developing their literacy skills."

Our Children's Department has an excellent collection that includes lots of books, educational games and toys, audio books, and magazines to appeal to children of all ages. What we don't have is an area that encourages parents and children to just hang out and read together. The Friends want to help the library create this space to encourage families reading together.

We hope that you're wondering what you can do to make this great idea a reality. The library needs money to purchase appropriate furniture, pay for rewiring, additional lighting, and some cabinet work, and the Friends are committed to helping to raise the money to make this happen. The library estimates the entire project will cost about \$30,000. We have written some grant requests, and now we're turning to you for help.

Buy Art--Support Reading Project

While we're happy to take outright donations to the project, we can also offer an incentive in the form of a print made from an original drawing of the Main Library by artist Peter Jensen in honor of Mark Nesse's retirement. The prints are signed and numbered, and available for purchase for \$30 in the Circulation Office at the Main Library.



From an original drawing by Peter Jensen, signed and numbered. This could hang on your wall!

Exciting Fall Programs

By the time you receive this newsletter the Library's fall program schedule will be well underway. October programs included a theatrical performance by

Book-It Repertory Theatre, a musical performance by the “wizard rock” group the Parselmouths, and an author reading by Graham and Treena Kerr.



From October 28 through November 17 EPL will be hosting five programs on climate change and related topics. You can learn about Washington’s Ice Age floods on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m., attend a discussion with Peter Ward, author of books and articles on mass extinctions on Saturday, November 10 at 2 p.m., and attend programs by the Climate Change Project. Check out the entire schedule on our website or pick up a program flyer at either location.

Pegasus Rides Again



Pegasus was once again a star at the Jaycee’s 4th of July Parade and the Imagine! Children’s Museum this summer.

Get a Clue at Your Library! Summer Reading Program 2007

318 children had something to be proud of this summer. They read 100 books over the course of the Summer Reading Program, and received the much-coveted Mayor’s Award on August 23 at Cascade High School. 1,717 kids from toddlers to teens participated in the program, and received coupons from area businesses to mark their progress.



The Friends help contribute to the success of this program by funding prizes such as books for every child who completes the program,

and, this year, a very cool magnifying glass—in keeping with the program theme.

Friends Need Friends

The Friends of the Everett Public Library need a few good volunteers. We are about to hold Board elections for 2008, and are seeking people who want to support and promote the library. If you’re looking to be more actively involved in your community, the Friends of the Library is a welcoming, positive group—and we won’t take up too much of your time! The Friends meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Main Library in the Director’s office. Join us on November 13!