

Salkum Timberland Library

2013 Action Plan

Services, Programs & Outreach:

- Continue to offer year-round programs for children of all ages, including Storytimes, crafts, and learning-based family activities.
- Maintain community connectedness through continued participation in local events, outreach to seniors, speaking opportunities, and other activities.
- Continue “people teaching people” initiatives such as one-on-one computer instruction and resume assistance by appointment.

Partnerships:

- Continue to work with the Lewis County Master Gardeners to provide programming related to the Salkum Demonstration Garden at the Library.
- Continue to work with social service agencies such as WorkSource, the Community Action Council Energy Assistance project, AARP Tax Assistance providers, the Area Association on Aging, the White Pass Community Services Coalition, etc., to provide services and educational offerings related to jobs, business and personal finance.
- Continue to partner with Tacoma Power and other community businesses to provide public relations in return for sponsored library programs.
- Continue to build relations with local schools, providing baskets donated by the Friends of the Library for scholarship silent auctions, promoting library events with take-home flyers, and advertising Friends of the Library Books Sales to teachers.
- Increase school classroom visits by Youth Services staff.

Accomplishments: January – June 2013:

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- Salkum Youth Services Associate Becki Stark presented 18 weekly Preschool Storytime sessions from January-May.
- Monthly Family programs included: a Movie, Drop in Valentines, and a FRAM visit from “The Noise Guy”.



- Monthly outreach Storytime visits were provided to 2 Head Start classes and 2 Onalaska Preschools.
- Monthly PageTurners Book Discussion and weekly Knitting Circle programs for adults.
- All Salkum Library staff attended together the Onalaska High School Scholarship Dinner and Auction Fundraiser. The Friends of the Salkum Timberland Library provided a basket of books and Library information for the Silent Auction. This enhanced the Library's goodwill and visibility in the community.
- Library staff participated in state-mandated (for schools needing improvement) Family Night activities at the Onalaska Schools, and publicized library events and services.
- The Friends of the Salkum Timberland Library provided a basket of donated books and Library information to the Morton General Hospital Foundation's Auction, to enhance goodwill and visibility in the community.
- Library Manager Cherie Rusk visited Assisted Living Facilities in Morton, provided institutional cards for these residencies, and delivered Senior Connect Kits.
- Library Manager Cherie Rusk spoke about Library programs and services at meetings of Onalaska's Seniors on the Go, a local Grange and the local DAR chapter.
- Library Manager Cherie Rusk continued to Chair the Lewis County Board of Health Advisory Committee, reporting monthly to the County Commissioners and Board of Health, and building relationships for distributing Public Health information at Lewis County Libraries.
- Library Manager attended the Lewis County Government Services Fair, along with Centralia and Chehalis Timberland Library Managers. Our attendance and networking was noted by the many county officials who recognize us as leaders.
- Library Manager Cherie Rusk presented 37 separate one-on-one computer instruction or resume writing sessions from January through June 2013.
- The Library continues to offer test proctoring for distance learning students.
- Instruction on the use of downloadable library materials is ever increasing.

Partnerships:

- Between January and June, the Master Gardeners have hosted a Hugelkultur workshop, a Pop-Bottle Greenhouse workshop, and a Seed 101 Lecture and Seed Exchange. In July we are having a Red Worm Composting workshop. These programs are very popular.



- The Library offers Nature Observation Backpacks designated by Library Associate Becki Stark. These can be checked out by parents to use in our garden with their children.
- The Library hosted the CAC Energy Assistance project, a day when citizens could apply for assistance with heating bills. The Friends of the Library had a special children's book sale set up in our meeting room and many of the visitors were able to purchase books. One of our Friends had paid for books on behalf of parents who might not otherwise be able to buy for their children.
- We hosted the AARP Tax Assistance providers, making appointments for tax help.
- We continue to support the grant funding of the White Pass transit bus by providing a letter of support; the bus continues to stop here and we offer check-out service to riders who telephone en route so that their items are available when the bus passes by.
- We have recruited a bilingual student volunteer to assist with SRP this summer, and a court-referred volunteer to help with shelf reading. Two high school students did for credit day-long job shadowing with the Library Manager.
- Tacoma Power is sponsoring Ian Dobson's Steel Drum Band with a \$350. Pass-through donation to the Friends. A Tacoma Power staffer is also offering instruction at the weekly "Knitting Circle" programs.
- Onalaska's Pizza Girl restaurant has donated gift certificated as SRP prizes.
- Local nurseries provided plant starts for the Friends Book and Plant Sale.
- We use Communication's templates to design flyers which are distributed to students at local schools to promote upcoming events. Recent efforts to get information into school newsletters have also been effective.
- With Administration's approval, we have added Morton Schools into these outreach and publicity efforts starting this summer.
- Library staff visited Onalaska Schools to promote Summer Reading, and with TRL's Teen Librarian, visited twice to provide database instruction in the Middle and High Schools. (Mossyrock is a non-contracting city, which we do not visit.)

Accomplishments: July - December 2013:

Services, Programs, and Outreach

- Offered 6 professional performances for Summer Reading Program including The Reptile Man, Teen Book Survivor, and 'Dig into Art' and 'Dig it Up' scavenger hunts.



- Offered monthly family programs including Make and Take Birdfeeders, and Make and Take Holiday Cards.
- Offered monthly outreach story time visits to 1 Head Start class and 2 Onalaska preschools.
- Offered Timberland Reads Together book discussion and movie screening, and a special evening visit from Washington State Poet Laureate Kathleen Flenniken.
- Participated in state-mandated (for schools needing improvement) Family Night activities at the Onalaska Schools, and publicized library events and services.
- Visited Assisted Living Facilities in Morton, providing institutional cards for these residencies, and delivered Senior Connect Kits.
- Presented 22 separate one-on-one computer instruction or resume writing sessions.

Partnerships

- Hosted two programs from the Master Gardeners on growing and composting.
- Offered Nature Observation Backpacks designed by staff person; these can be checked out by parents to use in the garden with their children.
- Hosted the Community Action Council Energy Assistance project's local outreach effort where local residents were able to sign up for winter energy assistance at the Library. Representatives from the Valley View Medical Center were also available to assist attendees with enrollment in the Affordable Care Act.
- Participated in the East Lewis County Community Consortium's "Toy & Joy" Holiday activity.
- Hosted a university student for a for-credit half-day job shadowing with the Library Manager while considering pursuing an MLS degree.
- Worked with Tacoma Power who sponsored the Grand Finale Summer Reading Program and offering instruction at the "Knitting Circle" programs, where hats for community members battling cancer and scarves for the foster teen Red Scarf Project were made.
- Continued to maintain Salkum's Demonstration Garden with assistance from local businesses, including Walmart and Home Depot, who contributed to the Salkum Timberland Library/WSU Extension Lewis County Master Gardeners.



- Designed flyers that are distributed to students at local schools to promote upcoming events.
- Outreached to Morton Schools for the first time in the summer of 2013.

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