

<u>NEWSLETTER</u>

FRIENDS: Volunteers making our libraries better for all

Friends of MCL Newsletter 2025 Issue 1

Sun'sOut, Fun'sOut!

Meet our FOL Board President Fernie Coe!



Prior to moving to the Tri-Cities in 2012 to be closer to my family, I was active in the Tonasket Friends group. As a new volunteer, I began as a shelver and advanced to head sorter and boxer. An avid reader all of my life, my main purpose in volunteering with the Friends was engaging children in reading and other activities.

I could be found at the library pretty much every day of the week. I would encourage people to volunteer for shelving or for the giant book sale. Every year has brought positive changes and more permanent volunteers. Our giant book sales are more streamlined and profitable than ever.

We are proud of the community we have built and look forward to expanding even more. Thank you to all the volunteers I have had the pleasure of working with, especially Kathy and Steve Meline. Also, thanks to all the MCL staff and leaders for your support.

Friends of the Library (FOL) funds the summer and winter children's programs as well as other educational programs and services.

Fernie Coe, President

Our main officers and board members also include:

Vice President: Christine McMahonKaren BenhamLori RussoSecretary: Sarah WrightGinger BoomSusan KayTreasurer: Dottie SzendreCarole BradleyKathy Meline

LIBRARY OF THINGS

MCL is pleased to debut their <u>Library of Things</u>! Check out and place holds with your library card on over 100 different types of games from your library, including popular board games, lawn games, and more. Borrow items for seven days and return the items to any of MCL's 12 branches.



FRIDAY, JULY 18 | 6-8 PM KENNEWICK LIBRARY | 1620 S. UNION ST.

ROLL THE DICE AND MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER WITH CRAFTS, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, GIVEAWAYS, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.





Book Sale Love

This spring, we had our most successful book sale to date. Thank you for your support! Book sales rank among the top five most memorable programs at MCL, according to recent customer survey responses. Your efforts make a lasting impression! A couple memorable quotes:

"The Friends of the Library book sales are my favorite events to attend because it allows me to purchase books for my home library while supporting library programs."

"We grow our home library with the books from the book sales at the library too."

"Love the twice yearly book sale! I buy a box then return them after reading and wait for the next sale!"



MCL's annual Summer Reading
Challenge is here. Read or listen for 15
hours to earn a free book (kids aged 017) and a chance to win a Nintendo
Switch Mario Bundle, plus many prizes!
Adults who complete the challenge are
entered in to win an iPad.

Stop by your local Mid-Columbia Libraries branch or register using the QR code above. You can log your reading online or using a paper log.

Don't miss all our awesome summer fun, like Family Game Night on July 18, by visiting our <u>events calendar</u>.

Support Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries provide valuable support for library programs and resources.

Have a friend who's not a Friend yet? Encourage your friends to sign up today!

Return to: Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries, 1620 S. Union, Kennewick, WA 99338		
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