



## READY, SET, GO: NEW TECH ARRIVES

Closing the homework gap and keeping our rural community connected to the internet has just gotten easier. The Fern Ridge Library District received funding for new technology devices that can be checked out using your library card and give you high-speed access to the internet. The grant allowed the district to utilize a program from AT&T that delivers tools and services to schools and

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libraries to support remote learning. The funding is part of the FCC's *Emergency Connectivity Fund* and provides our library with 50 Wi-Fi hotspots, 25 iPads and 25 Chromebooks.

"Living outside of Oregon's urban growth boundaries has much to commend, but the difficulties in accessing high speed internet is NOT one of them," says Colin Rea, the Director of Fern Ridge Library District. "We are excited to be able to offer high-speed internet access beyond the walls of the library and to allow our patrons the kind of digital experience people in larger cities take for granted."

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation raised \$15,000 last year to be used to keep this hardware and the data access going for years to come. There is no cost to our patrons, just check out the devices you need and you're connected anywhere there is a cell signal. In addition, the Friends of the Library provided funding for the protective cases to make it easy to circulate these digital

tools. You can keep each device for up to a month and there are no data restrictions.

A wi-fi hotspot is a device that uses wireless data from a cellular provider to give you internet access for phones, computers, tablets and other wi-fi enabled devices. You can activate the hotspot wherever it can pick up a cell signal. Use this to operate your home computer or digital devices, or check out the library's Chromebook or iPad tablet. These devices can access the internet, let you check e-mail, stream video, conduct research, and even use the online educational software provided by the library or schools. Remote learning and even remote work are part of our lives now and the Fern Ridge Library is helping to keep us all connected and moving forward.

### FUNDRAISING GOAL FOR 2023-24

**Goal: \$15,000**

Support energy-efficiency improvements at the library. This year the Foundation is raising funds to replace the entry doors. This will help keep the inside temperature in the library perfect for summer cooling and for winter warmth.

#### How to help?

- Give online at [frlffoundation.org/give](http://frlffoundation.org/give)
- Mail check payable to Fern Ridge Library Foundation
- Transfer IRA or retirement funds directly

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## President's Message

*As I reflect on our featured speaker for this fall's Writers & Wine—author and poet John Daniel—I realize that this is the third time John will have joined us for this annual celebration of the Fern Ridge Library. As you may know, John's poetry—inscribed high on the walls—has graced the inside of the library since its major expansion in 1999.*

*This got me thinking about long-term relationships. My own personal relationship with the library, as a member of the Foundation Board, dates back to 1995. There are countless others with long-term associations with our library and the library family. These include many donors to the Foundation, members of the Friends of the Library whose book sales help with support, Foundation Board and Library board members, the friendly faces of staff and volunteers, and, of course, the many patrons who have depended on the library's services for years.*

*I think this is the nature of libraries. As institutions that their communities can trust to be there, as resources and refuges, the library both fosters and depends on long-term relationships.*

*You may already have a relationship with the library. If so, we hope the library continues to meet your needs well into the future. And if you have friends and neighbors who have not discovered it, encourage them to join us and develop their own long-term relationship with the Fern Ridge Library.*

*David Floyd, M.D.  
President, Fern Ridge Library Foundation*

## COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

# THANK YOU!

THE FERN RIDGE  
LIBRARY FOUNDATION THANKS OUR  
**COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS**  
FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE FERN RIDGE LIBRARY.

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Charitable giving and business support is essential to a strong library. In 2014, the Foundation initiated the Community Partner program to encourage business and organization giving. Each year the number of participating companies and organizations increases. It is a good sign that many local and regional businesses and organizations renew giving each year. The Foundation website includes personal testimonials along with logos for year-round visibility. Visit [www.frlfoundation.org/join](http://www.frlfoundation.org/join) to learn more about our contributors and the Community Partner program.

For the 2022–23 year, we reached \$7,500 in Community Partner giving, thank you! The Community Partner program's loyal donors and new donors are welcomed each year and various recognitions are given, including Adopt-a-Shelf tags placed inside the library for members at the Associate level, \$150 and above.

Business and organization support for the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is a valued and important way to provide support for the library. We can't do it without you!

# Writers & Wine



“Read then, if you will” and join us! John Daniel’s poetry graces the walls inside the Fern Ridge Library as it has for over 20 years encouraging us to enjoy the seasons and read and explore. He will return to share his new poetry and verses as the featured author for this year’s Writers &

Wine. The literary event and fundraiser for the Fern Ridge Library takes place Sunday, October 15 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at the library, 88026 Territorial Hwy in Veneta.

Presented by the Fern Ridge Library Foundation, Writers & Wine features a regional winery and a Northwest author, with a newly released book. Sarver Winery is our featured winery and they will bring several of their award-winning wines for your selection.



From Broadstone Books, John Daniel’s new publication, *Lighted Distances: Four Seasons on Goodlow Rim* will be offered with each ticket purchased. Daniel worked as a logger, railroader, mortar man for a mason, rock climbing instructor, and breakfast cook before turning to writing as a last resort. He has taught creative writing—poetry and prose—at Stanford, Ohio State, Saint Mary’s College of California, Sweet Briar College, and St. Lawrence University, along with brief stints elsewhere. He

now sidelines as a freelance writing coach and editor. He lives on a rampant acre of tall Douglas firs and vicious blackberry thickets in the Coast Range foothills west of Eugene, and spends time every year over the Cascades on the dry side of the state, where this book found voice. Daniel was the inaugural Writers & Wine speaker, along with Evelyn Hess, in 2012. He returned in 2017, with Garth Stein, after the release of his first novel, *Gifted*. We are delighted to welcome him back!

## Thank you Sponsors!



Many thanks to Lane Forest Products, Champion Technologies, Swanson Bros. Lumber Co., American Pump Co., and the Wilson-Charles family for their support.

Admission to the 2023 event includes remarks and a reading by our author, appetizers from Our Daily Bread, a copy of the book, and a free glass of wine from Sarver Winery, or other beverage. One raffle ticket will be entered in your name for the “Getaway” raffle. Admission is \$60 per person, \$100 per couple.

This year’s Getaway raffle prize is a \$400 gift certificate to Overleaf Lodge in Yachats on the Oregon coast. Tickets cost \$10 each. We also will have our popular “Fun Raffle” packages for \$5 per ticket. These include tickets to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, gift certificates and prizes from local shops, wineries, restaurants, and artists. Raffle ticket purchases may be made independently from event tickets. You do not need to be present to win raffle prizes. Purchase as many as you wish to increase your chances! Raffle prizes will be drawn and winners announced at the event.



Visit the website at [www.frlfoundation.org/events](http://www.frlfoundation.org/events) to learn more and to purchase your tickets. Event and raffle tickets are for sale online for card purchases and available at the library for check or cash sales.

## Writers & Wine 2023

Join us for a lovely afternoon with a reading by John Daniel, your copy of his newly-released book, wine from Sarver Winery, catering by Our Daily Bread, and raffle prize drawings.

**Sunday, October 15, 3:30–6:00 p.m.**  
Fern Ridge Library, 88026 Territorial Hwy, Veneta

**W&W tickets: \$60 per person; \$100 per couple (one book per couple). Includes one ticket entered into the Getaway raffle.**

**Getaway Raffle: \$400 gift certificate to the Overleaf Lodge in Yachats, Oregon. Tickets \$10 each**

**Fun Raffles: A collection of delightful prizes for your enjoyment. Tickets \$5 each.**

Tickets for the event and raffles are on sale at [www.frlfoundation.org/events](http://www.frlfoundation.org/events) or by check at the library, payable to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation, PO Box 397, Veneta, OR 97487. For questions, contact [info@frlfoundation.org](mailto:info@frlfoundation.org).



# Dream, Create, Build. Open any Book.



*By Colin Rea, Library Director*

Libraries, and more specifically librarians, collect things. We can't help it; it's both our nature and our vocation. Lately I've been collecting quotes. You'll see some of my favorites show up on the small white letter board just inside the library, including this one from the legendary Terry Pratchett:

**“Go anywhere you wish, talk to everyone. Ask any questions; you will be given answers. When you want to learn, you will be taught. Use the library. Open any book.”**

There's a lot to unpack in these 30 simple words, and they convey everything we here at Fern Ridge Library would say to you, to anyone. Ours is a building full of books, full of ideas, full of power. These are yours. Come take them. Use them.

Dream, create, build.

This building, full of potential, is open to all. We are democracy's greatest promise. We are people, we are technology. We are light, heat, and oxygen. We are past, present, and future. We are yours. Your poem, gifted to you by resident poet John Daniel, entreats you to 'discover what you did not think to ask for...' So do we.

We contain stories, on the page and on the screen. We are a part of your story... as scenery, as player, as friend, and as resource. For some we are but a small player, a bit part, a fleeting glance. For others we are everywhere, everything; a daily ritual, a place to live, work, or escape.

If none of this speaks to you, perhaps it is time to connect and become a part of OUR story. We would love nothing more than to be so. We could become the place you wish to go. We could talk, could provide the answers to your question. When you decide that it is time to learn, we can teach. Try us. *Use the library. Open any book.*



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# Let the Sunshine In!



For many of us, we never notice the roof of the library. It provides shelter from the rain and protection from wind and sun. However, thanks to a grant from EPUD, the library is now collecting solar rays and converting them to electricity. The 2022 Green Grant from EPUD purchased solar panels and they were installed by Advanced Energy Systems. The energy generated adds to the power grid and provides credits back to the library, that in turn, reduces our electric bills.

Providing ways to save operating costs, means great things for the library. The district can support more services and resources to help our community and that is a Win-Win for all. Over the years, with funding from the Fern Ridge Library Foundation, the library has replaced its HVAC system and upgraded to energy-efficient windows. Reducing energy consumption is an important goal for both the library and our utility.

The EPUD Green Grant program provides eligible schools and non-profit organizations an opportunity to win up to \$40,000 in funding for construction of new, non-residential, renewable energy projects. Thank you to those members who voted for our project!



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# News from the Friends

## Who are the Friends of the Fern Ridge Library?

We're an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that's been supporting the Fern Ridge Library for more 30 years. We advocate for our library and raise money through annual membership dues, donations, and the book sales you know and love. The funds we raise help to fund library programs, purchase materials to supplement the library's collections; and assist the library with visibility and outreach events in the community. Information about all Friends' activities is posted in a number of places in the library as well as on the Friends' new website [www.friendsfernridgelibrary.weebly.com](http://www.friendsfernridgelibrary.weebly.com) and on social media. You can e-mail us at [friends.fernridgelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.fernridgelibrary@gmail.com). An on-line membership option is now available. Join us for fun, community, and library advocacy! We LOVE our library!

## Books and Book Sales

Our most popular and visible activity is our book sales. We typically hold two-day sales in the library twice each year. Our every-day book sale stand, near the library entrance, means patrons can purchase books whenever they visit the library. We share a booth with the library at the Veneta Harvest Festival in September and sell books.



## FRIENDS OF THE FERN RIDGE LIBRARY

Founded in 1991, the Friends is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501c3 membership organization dedicated to supporting the Fern Ridge Library. We advocate for our library and raise money through annual membership dues, donations, and the book sales you know and love. The funds we raise help to

- fund library programs, such as the Summer Reading Program;
- purchase materials to supplement the library's collections;
- publicize the library's activities through sponsorship of the library's monthly calendar of events;
- assist the library with visibility and outreach events at venues such as the Veneta Downtown Farmer's Market and the annual Veneta Harvest Festival.

The Friends meet quarterly (usually in January, April, July, and October). All are welcome to attend. You can "like" us on Facebook or e-mail us at [friends.fernridgelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friends.fernridgelibrary@gmail.com).

Visit [www.friendsfernridgelibrary.weebly.com](http://www.friendsfernridgelibrary.weebly.com) to learn more and to join.



With the funds raised over the past year, we contributed to the purchase of mobile devices, purchased extra OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) books for kids and teens, funded printing of the library's monthly calendar, and helped fund the summer reading programs.

In other community contributions, we continue to stock the book exchange box at the Applegate Elementary School in Crow, donate books to other book exchange boxes in the area and stock the shelves at the Fern Ridge Service Center with large-print books for seniors. We also donated materials to the Fern Ridge Family Resource Center, and books for kids and teens to the Love Project food pantry, as well as adult fiction to the Oregon Country Fair. We accept book donations too. Up to 2 bags of books may be left for us at the library or contact us for larger donations.

## Sandra Larson Memorial Scholarships

For the tenth consecutive year, the Friends awarded scholarships to six local high school seniors, recognizing their outstanding academic achievement and service to the community. The 2023 Sandra Larson Memorial Scholarships of \$750 each were awarded to Mackenzie Corbett, Cody Eutsler, Aulun Howell, Alyssa Johnson, Kyle Johnson, and Gracie Storey. These awards were made possible by donations from generous members of our organization. Congratulations!



**Mackenzie Corbett** will attend Lane Community College for an AAS in fabrication and welding technology.



**Cody Eutsler's** goal is to become an aerospace engineer starting with an engineering degree from Oregon State University.



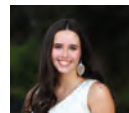
**Aulun Howell** plans to become a librarian and will start with literature courses at Lane Community College.



**Alyssa Johnson** will attend Southern Oregon University in the pre-medicine program and eventually become a dermatologist.



**Kyle Johnson** will study engineering at Oregon State to reach his goal to advance development of renewable energy technologies.



**Gracie Storey** plans to become a veterinarian and will begin her studies at Oregon State.

## FERN RIDGE LIBRARY MISSION AND VISION

*The MISSION of the Fern Ridge Library District is to inspire, empower, and engage our community through discovery and sharing of information.*

*The VISION of the Fern Ridge Library District is to grow an inclusive physical and virtual space where the services provided are responsive to the needs of our community.*

# Honor Roll of Donors 2022–23

## Annual Fund Donors

### Fern Ridge Library Foundation Endowment Donors

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation acknowledges the generous financial support of these individuals, families, businesses, community organizations, and foundations. Business and organization donors are recognized as members of the Foundation's Community Partner Program for their annual gifts. We express our gratitude to the Redtail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation for their generous grant and to our Endowment Fund donors for their gifts. We deeply appreciate the support of our 2022 Writers & Wine sponsors.

Your gifts make it possible for the library to meet the needs of our community. *Thank you!*



### Fern Ridge Library Foundation ADOPT-A-SHELF

Honor a family member, a friend, or yourself; or adopt a shelf in memory of a loved one. Show your support for the Fern Ridge Library.

A gift of \$50 or more qualifies for a permanent shelf tag in the library. Visit [frlffoundation.org/give](http://frlffoundation.org/give) to make your gift or ask a staff member for a donation card.

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- ♦ Denotes Annual Fund Donor
- ★ Denotes Endowment Fund Donor

## FERN RIDGE LIBRARY FOUNDATION ~ MISSION AND VISION

The **MISSION** of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is to serve the community through advocacy and support of the Fern Ridge Library.

The **VISION** of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is to be a vibrant, sustainable, collaborative organization that works to enhance the library's service to the community.

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## Writers & Wine

- Featuring John Daniel and his work
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- Catering by Our Daily Bread
- Great Raffle Prizes—Getaway and Fun Packages

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**\$60 per person** includes 1 book, food, 1 glass of wine/  
beverage, and 1 raffle ticket for the Getaway raffle

**\$100 per couple** includes 1 book, food, 2 glasses of  
wine/beverage, and 1 raffle ticket for the Getaway raffle

**Additional raffle tickets:** \$10 each for Getaway Raffle  
and \$5 each for Fun Raffle Prizes

# I LOVE MY LIBRARY

## Honoring A Special Volunteer

On April 13, 2023, the Veneta-Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis of Fern Ridge hosted the 55th Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony. This was an opportunity to recognize community members who have demonstrated dedicated service and untiring commitment for their community through donated time, influential leadership, and sustained service.

Helen Coy is one of those special people. She has been a volunteer with the Fern Ridge Library for almost four years. We are lucky that she has chosen our organization as a focus of her community involvement. Contributing over 65 hours of her time, she consistently shows up to shelve books, is detail oriented, and helps to keep the library tidy and organized. Helen does outstanding work and her dedication as a volunteer is an inspiration.

