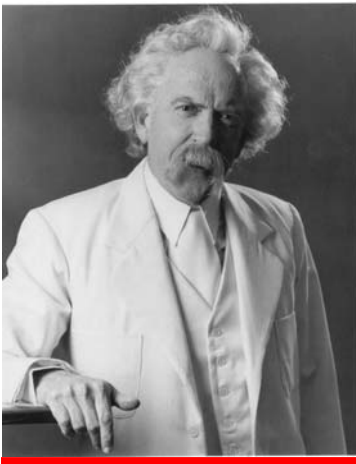


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An occasional newsletter for Friends of the Ashland Public Library

2010 March

Annual Meeting of the Friends



Friends of the Ashland Public Library are invited Sunday February 28 beginning at 2p to the 2010 Annual Meeting. Celebrate the library, the many ways that the Friends support reading, learning and community outreach. Honor our 2010 Volunteers of the Year, enjoy meeting others of like mind in the Gresham Room at the Ashland Public Library and meet Cal Pritner as Mark Twain.

Sunday Feb 28, 2p
Monday Mar 1, 7p

Cal Pritner as Mark Twain: Two Shows

Actor Cal Pritner .is. Mark Twain. Twain's famous barbed wit, humorous observations of the detail of life and travel narratives are perfectly presented in Pritner's popular performance. Pritner has just completed a tour of his show *Mark Twain: Traveling* in California and Barbados and will appear in Ashland for the first time at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ashland Public Library on Sunday February 28, 2010 at 2p.

This mostly comic, occasionally serious work celebrates Twain's decidedly irreverent thoughts on the people he met and the places he saw in a lifetime of world travel.

Don't miss Pritner's return performance on Monday March 1, 2010 at 7p

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as Pritner embodies the spirit and struggles of Mark Twain in *Unlearning Racism*. A tough subject, even for 21st Century audiences, Pritner delves into Twain's racial attitudes and how they changed over the course of Twain's life.

Pritner is founding artistic director of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival and is an elected fellow of the prestigious College of Fellows of the American Theater. He's earned his stars on the stage as well as in television, film and the classroom.

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Ashland Public Library

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Ashland Public Library Hours

Mon 10-8

Tues and Wed 10-6

Thurs and Sat 12-5

Sun 12-4

Our mission is to help our library to achieve any and all of its goals. Ensuring free access to information is part of Ashland's community life, to which the Friends are firmly dedicated.

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**Teen Game Days
3d Saturdays at
noon. Movie Night
4th Fridays at 6p**

we dare you.

Volunteers of the Year

Chuck Silberman has been the Friends' devoted Internet book seller for three years. He gives many hours each week to finding gems among our donations and offering them for sale on Amazon.com. Proceeds from the sales help the Friends support the Ashland Public Library. We'll also honor Book Sale Organizer, Deb Kalmakav. Honor their service and many contributions to the library at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Ashland Public Library on Sunday, February 28, at 2p.



—Ann Magill, Membership Chair

JACKSON COUNTY READS 2010 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen

Jackson County Reads 2010 provokes thought, compassion and action with the choice of *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School at a Time*. Here's some of the events, with more at <http://jcls.org/jacksoncountyreads.html>

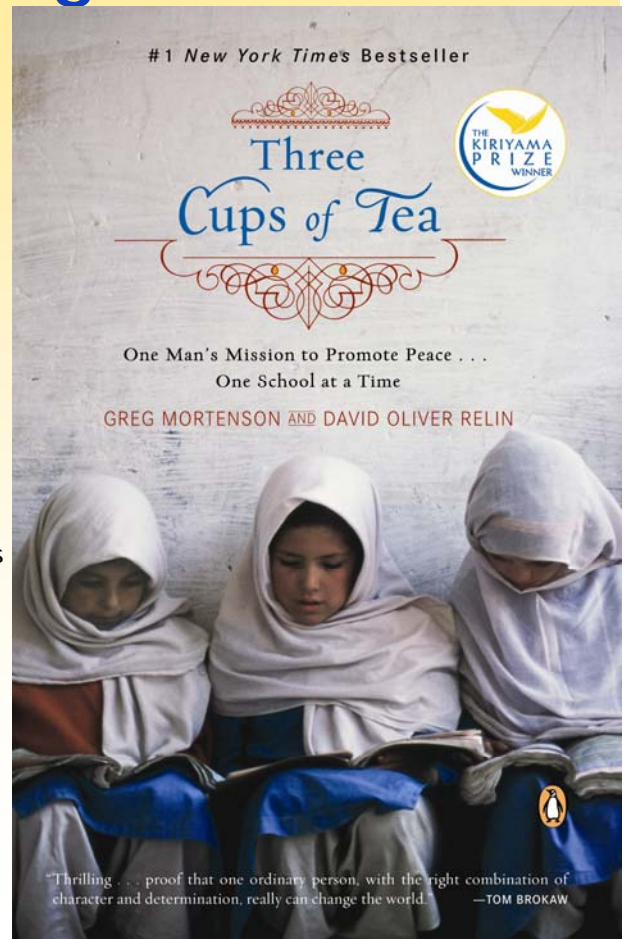
Friend of the Ashland Public Library volunteer Sue Sager and her husband will present a program on Life in Pakistan on Sunday, March 7 at 2p. Steve Scholl will give a talk on Understanding Islam on Sunday, March 14 at 2p.

Teru Kuwayama, Documentary Photographer

Saturday, March 13 at 7p
North Medford High School Auditorium 1900 N. Keene Way Dr. Kuwayama frequently finds himself on the front lines in Afghanistan, his "hands down favorite country on earth." His work has appeared in *Time*, *Life*, *Newsweek* and *National Geographic*.

Dr. Andrew Marcus & Julia Bergman, Founding Board Members of the Central Asia Institute

Thursday, March 18 at 7p
North Medford High School Auditorium
Dr. Marcus and Ms. Bergman will share the early history of the organization, their stories, experiences, and images of Central Asia.



Windows in Time

The Southern Oregon History Series is co-sponsored by the Southern Oregon Historical Society and JCLS.

Lunchtime history talks at the Ashland Public Library on second Wednesdays, 12-1p.

March 10. Tarnished Treasure: The Little Known Story of the Pokegama Plateau. Connie Battaile.

April 14. Jackson County Architecture: What Style is That Building. Rod Reid.

May 12. Conservation Pioneer: CB Watson, the Man Behind the Women of Lithia Park. Darren Borgias.

At the Medford Public Library, first Wednesdays

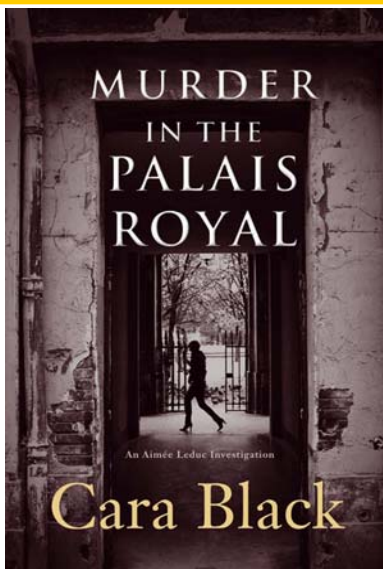
Peggy and Parala: Our Dynamic Display Duo

Everyone knows the library is filled with wonderful, imaginative books and stories, but we also know it's not easy to narrow down the choices. Peggy and Para's creative book displays in the fiction stacks make a lot of people very happy.

Parala began doing displays years ago, and she continues to enjoy putting out books that are different. Her most fun displays are ones that patrons participate with. The more people that contribute to a display, the more interesting it gets. These are the displays that don't get old.

Peggy changes her displays every month, getting her ideas from the season, an event, or other timely inspiration. She's excited about each new display, but by the time the month is over she's ready to move on to the next new idea.

I Love My Library



Crime fiction writer Cara Black returns to Ashland on Wednesday March 24, 2010 at 6p. Meet her at Bookwagon. Sponsored by Friends of the Library!

Story Time & Babies in the Library

January 5—February 22

BABIES IN THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 10:45a
for babies aged 0-12 months

WOBLERS

Tuesdays at 10a
for babies aged 12-24 months
Books, songs and rhymes for parents and their babies.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Mondays at 6:30p.
Tuesdays at 11:30a.
Wednesdays at 10:30a.



Storyteller Mark Ropers tells international tales to delight children and their parents on February 22 at 6:30p.



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2010 Membership Renewal

There's no better way to support the Ashland Public Library than by renewing your membership in the Friends, and there's no better time to do so than now.

Membership Category

- Reader. \$10
- Reader Family. \$25
- Editor. \$50
- Publisher. \$100
- Storyteller. \$500
- Other. \$__

Dues, contributions, gifts & bequests are fully tax deductible. Friends of the Ashland Public Library is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution can be used as a match for the Oregon Cultural Trust. Thank you for your support of the Ashland Public Library.

I want to volunteer!

- Book Sale
- Event Setup
- Publicity
- Newsletter

Here's how often I can volunteer!

- 1-2 hours a week
- 1 day a month
- Special events
- I'm not sure; call me

What I Love About the Ashland Public Library:

Name

Address

Phone

email

How the Friends Support the Library

- Children's Storytelling
- Ashland Mystery Readers
- Author Night at the Library
- Summer Reading Programs
- Special Book Purchases
- Library Book Sales
- Volunteerism
- Your Voice in the Community

For more information, call Friends President Sue Lopez at 541-488-1616

Why I Love My Library

- "Computers! Great staff! Friendly place!"
- "Helpful and friendly; well stocked; pleasant atmosphere"
- "The helpfulness of the staff, especially the research folks upstairs"

Thanks Lithia Motors for supporting our library

