

SULTAN LIBRARY BOARD

Librarian's Report

September 13, 2007

Library Activity Comparison:

	May June July 2006	Year-to-Date 2006	May June July 2007	Year-to-Date 2007	Qtr % Change	Year-to Date % Change
CIRCULATION	30,600	71,797	29,821	69,316	-2.5%	-3.5%
CIRCULATION PER HOUR	49.7	50.8	48.4	49.1	-2.6%	-3.3%
DOOR COUNT	19,515	47,138	21,660	51,689	+11%	+10%
DOOR COUNT PER HOUR	31.7	33.3	35.2	36.6	+11%	+10%

Library Activity Comparison Comments

- The library has been a popular place this summer with increasing door counts and very high attendance at programs.
- At times, every corner, chair, or study table had someone with a laptop using wi-fi, reading the newspaper, perusing the highly popular Explore paperbacks rack, friends visiting, youngsters at the preschool pc, and parents reading picture books to their children.
- Library staff's May/June promotional visits to schools paid off with kids signing up for summer reading, checking out at the self-check computer, using library computers, attending programs, and continuing to build their reading skills through the summer.

"Circulation" refers to items checked out or renewed by patrons.

"Renewals" are the extension of the check-out period.

"Door Count" refers to the total number of patrons who visited the library.

Programs and Services

Upcoming Fall Events

Calling All Friends of the Library!

Thursdays, 9:30 am

September 20 and November 15

Please come join us for an open meeting to plan projects which benefit the library. The Friends of the Sultan Library is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization. For more information visit our official website at www.friendsofthesultanlibrary.org. Stop in if you can—no RSVP necessary!

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 11:00 am

September 6, 13, 20, 27

Cool off at the library and enjoy stories, songs and easy crafts.

Funding provided by the Friends of the Sultan Library.

Ages 2-5 years

Friend's Fall Book and Media Sale

Saturday, 8:30-5:00

October 6

Choose from fiction, non-fiction, kids, teen and media at bargain prices. Lots of "gently used" books for sale. Sales fund programs, reading incentive prizes for children, scholarships to local youth, and lots more. Support your library and fill your bookshelves!

It's the Great Pumpkin, Sultan Kids!

Heeee's back....the giant pumpkin returns to the library in October. Stop by to enter our "guess the weight" contest and you may be the lucky person that gets to take him home just in time for Halloween. Donated by Craven Farm of Snohomish.

Ages 3-12

Fall Farm Festival Storytime

Saturday, 11:00 am

October 20

Help the library celebrate local farmers in our community by joining us for a family storytime that features stories and songs about all of our favorite farmyard friends! Stay after the program to help us decorate mini pumpkins to display in the library. Sponsored by Baylor Farms and Friends of the Sultan Library.

All ages welcome

Book Babies

Thursdays, 10:30 am

October 4, 11, 18, 25

Babies and their caregivers are welcome to join us at the library for a book-based playtime. Caregivers will be given insights into early childhood brain development and how it relates to learning to read while we sing songs, recite rhymes and take part in activities.

Ages 0-2 (Pre-talkers)

Songwriting Workshop with Levi Burkle

Saturday, 1:00 pm

October 13

Northwest singer and songwriter Levi Burkle will entertain with live music from his CD and demonstrate the technicalities and anatomy of song writing with lots of audience participation.

Bring your guitar for an impromptu jam session! Visit Levi's website at

<http://www.leviburkle.com/>

Ages 10 and up

An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe

Tuesday, 6:30 pm

October 16

History comes alive! Spend an hour as performer Tim Hoban transfixes the audience With his performance as Edgar Allan Poe, pacing the aisles and reciting from the works of this master poet, critic and renowned author. A must see for students and lovers of literature and history. Funding provided by the Friends of the Sultan Library and the Sno-Isle Foundation.

Ages 10 and up

How a Bear Becomes a Book

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

November 14

Celebrate Children's Book Week with author Erik Brooks as he takes the audience through the creation of several stories—from initial inspiration to final publication. A must see for budding authors everywhere!

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Ages 2-5 years

Building

- The city staff janitor recently resigned. We are in transition from a city janitor to a contracted janitorial company. Jackie is working with the new company to clarify expectations and schedules as they learn the building's cleaning tasks.
- The city is looking at the re-location of the 4th Street bus stop. There have been long-term recurring problems with vandalism, crime, and loud, disruptive behavior from loiterers.

Staff

- Sultan Children's Liaison Dawn Kaestner and Librarian Kate Johnson have completed another fantastic summer promoting reading to families.
- A 60% increase in attendance at summer programs attests to the success! Many thanks go to the Sultan Friends and to the Sno-Isle Foundation for a great slate of programs. Over 90 people attended the Finisher's Party featuring "**Who Stole the Queen of Tarts?**"
- One delightful event was the storytime with two of our local firefighters. Deputy Chief Ken Hopkins, a Firefighter, EMT-Paramedic (pictured), read Fire Fighter Man and Jason Gwilt, Firefighter, EMT-I, read The Great Big Fire Engine Book.

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- Branch Manager Jackie Personeus has been participating in community meetings regarding at-risk teens, youth and gang violence, and Fall Harvest Festival events planning.
 - Adult/Teen Librarian Ben Anderson contacted Sultan High School teachers in the Spring and again in late August to offer fall presentations for students and faculty.
 - Branch Manager Jackie Personeus is in contact with the Sultan School District office to get dates for curriculum nights, open houses, school district faculty gatherings, and pta meetings in order to offer a short presentation on Sno-Isle resources and/or set up an information table at these events.
 - Branch Manager Jackie Personeus just attended the first meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Panel, charged with recommendations regarding long-term solutions to the city's general fund budget crisis. Library Board members Charles Van Pelt and Loretta Storm are also Panel members.