

Our May 2019 Meeting



Spokane Library Logo

After a few jokes that President Jim Parry assured us were just “playing with words,” he introduced our Vice-President, Sue Eller, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, Jeff Benefield. Jeff is the librarian for Spokane’s North Region. He began by saying his “thunder had been stolen” because he had intended to use a white screen and present a power point, but his presentation was, nonetheless, full of great information.

First, he asked how many had library cards and, if not, indicated we could get one today. He also talked about the food drive the city library is doing; if you have late fees or fines, they can be erased just by donating. There is also a pet drive and the same goes for a donation of a new leash, pet food, or collar.

Shadle Library has many items that can be checked out that people are not aware of. Some of these things include: snowshoes, guitars, telescopes, garden tools and backpacks. Shadle Library is due to double in size and will soon have many more meeting rooms.

Multicultural events are going on now at all city libraries (South hill, downtown), such as celebrating Asian Pacific American week.

Jeff also told us that there is \$165,000 allocated for online services for library patrons. For example, histories of local counties - Spokane, Stevens, Whitman - can be googled, as can research of car repair, copyright law for teachers, and much more.

Various services include: “appy hour” when I.T. people can answer your techy questions; a Northwest history display downtown; resources for the blind; requested books, pop titles or even obsolete items such as VHS tapes put on hold and, if something is not immediately available, there are interlibrary loans. For more information, contact jbenefield@spokanelibrary.org

Joy Linn read two beautiful poems: “Poem of the Bumblebee” and “Angel Horse.” The first poem’s primary message is: ignore the naysayers - bumblebees are not supposed to be able to fly, but they do! “Angel Horse” is about a black mustang that saved a suicidal vet’s life and an equestrian group for veterans with challenges.

Over the past month, Esther Hildahl sent in three book reviews. Bob Hildahl submitted two, and Bob Weldin and Joyce Caudel each provide one.

Chuck Lehman announced his new book, fourth in a series of Historical Christian Fiction, entitled *The Apostle’s Wife*. He described it as a “book of transformation”.

Upcoming events include: Esther Hildahl will be (was) at the Nazarene church at 9004 N. Country Homes Blvd May 4th from 9 a.m. till 3. There will be arts & craft events at this location on Saturday, June 1st, Sat., July 6th, and Sat., August 3rd, all outside, and space may be available to sell books. On the 21st at 6 p.m. Kate Poitevin will be at the Shadle Library.

Tiffani Harvey's book signing at 2nd Look Books will be Saturday the 25th of May. There had been some confusion as word had originally been received indicating it was to have been on May 2nd, the same day as our meeting.

Tiffani handed out raffle tickets, winners helped draw names, and the meeting ended. Door prize winners included, Samijo Tinsley, Asia Cohen, Sandra Philbin, Linda Bond, Jim Silliman, Esther Hildahl, Sue Eller, Jeremiah Sargent, Ed Des Autel, Stan Parks, and Cindy Silliman.

Welcome new members Kari Barr, Samijo Tinsley, and Asia Rachael Cohen. Thanks to those who renewed membership in Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers for 2019.

Our next meeting will be June 6th, and fellow member Joy Linn is slated to be our speaker.



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