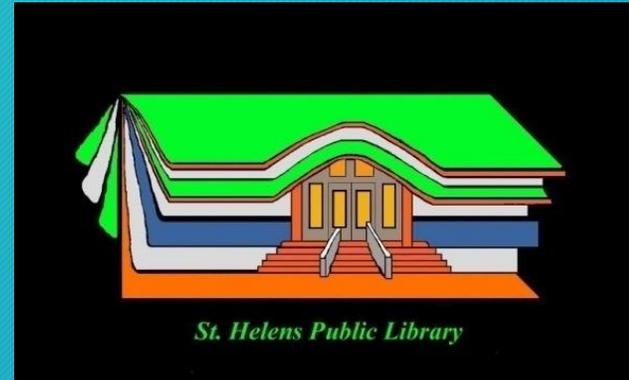


“. . . youth programs are vital to our most vulnerable populations living at or below the poverty line.” - library patron

“It's a wonderful opportunity for people to explore, learn to become creative and have a creative outlet, but also to build skills.” - Rep. Suzanne Bonamici about the Makerspace



St. Helens Public Library

Semiannual Report
to the City Council
August 3, 2022

Fine Free!

Many grateful patrons

Opportunity to welcome our patrons back to the library

Began May 18, 2022



U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici

April 19, 2022
visit to the Makerspace



Bonamici poses for a photo with Hansen and other Makerspace innovators.
Zoe Gottlieb / The Chronicle

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Community Support for our Youth Librarian

May 12, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting

- 32 written comments
- 11 citizens spoke at the meeting

Thank you to City Council and the Budget Committee for your support!

Summer Library Challenge

- 63,168 minutes read and recorded
- Registrations
 - Birth - 11 200
 - 12 - 18 47
 - Adults 60



* Data as of July 18, 2022

New Library Board Members

Lynne Pettit

Aaron Martin

(Still looking for one
more member)

*Thanks to
Becky Bean and
Amanda Heynemann
for their service*

Friends of the Library

- Hosted a book sale in May which earned \$660
- Sponsor 3 Little Libraries
- President Lynne Pettit



Volunteers

- 17 active volunteers
- Logged 348 hours since January
- Shelving, book repair, preparing items for circulation, and more



Community Engagement

- Cooling Center
- Innovation Hub Planning Grant
- Allen Hansen teaching at OMIC
- Columbia County Mental Health
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Columbia County Museum Association



Items Added to the Collections

January 1 through July 18, 2022

- 1,671 items
 - Includes books, DVDs and CDs
- Popular genres
 - Adult mysteries
 - Adult science fiction
 - Children's picture books



Library Cardholders

- St. Helens : 1,437
- Passports : 302
- Non-residents : 312
- Businesses : 5



Library of Things



Fond Farewells

Margaret Jeffries

Gretchen Kolderup

Thank you

Brenda Herren-Kenaga for steering the ship and preparing the library for our new director

Library staff for their dedication to the public and stellar service

Looking Ahead

- Hire Youth Librarian
- Complete Five-Year Plan
- Permanent funding for Allen Hansen's position
- 2023 Genealogy Conference
- Returning to youth and other in-person programming