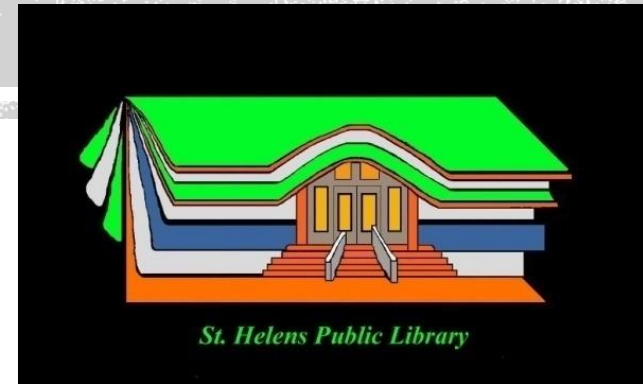


ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Semi-annual Report to City Council

August 7, 2024



2023 – 2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1: Develop the Library as the community's "living room."

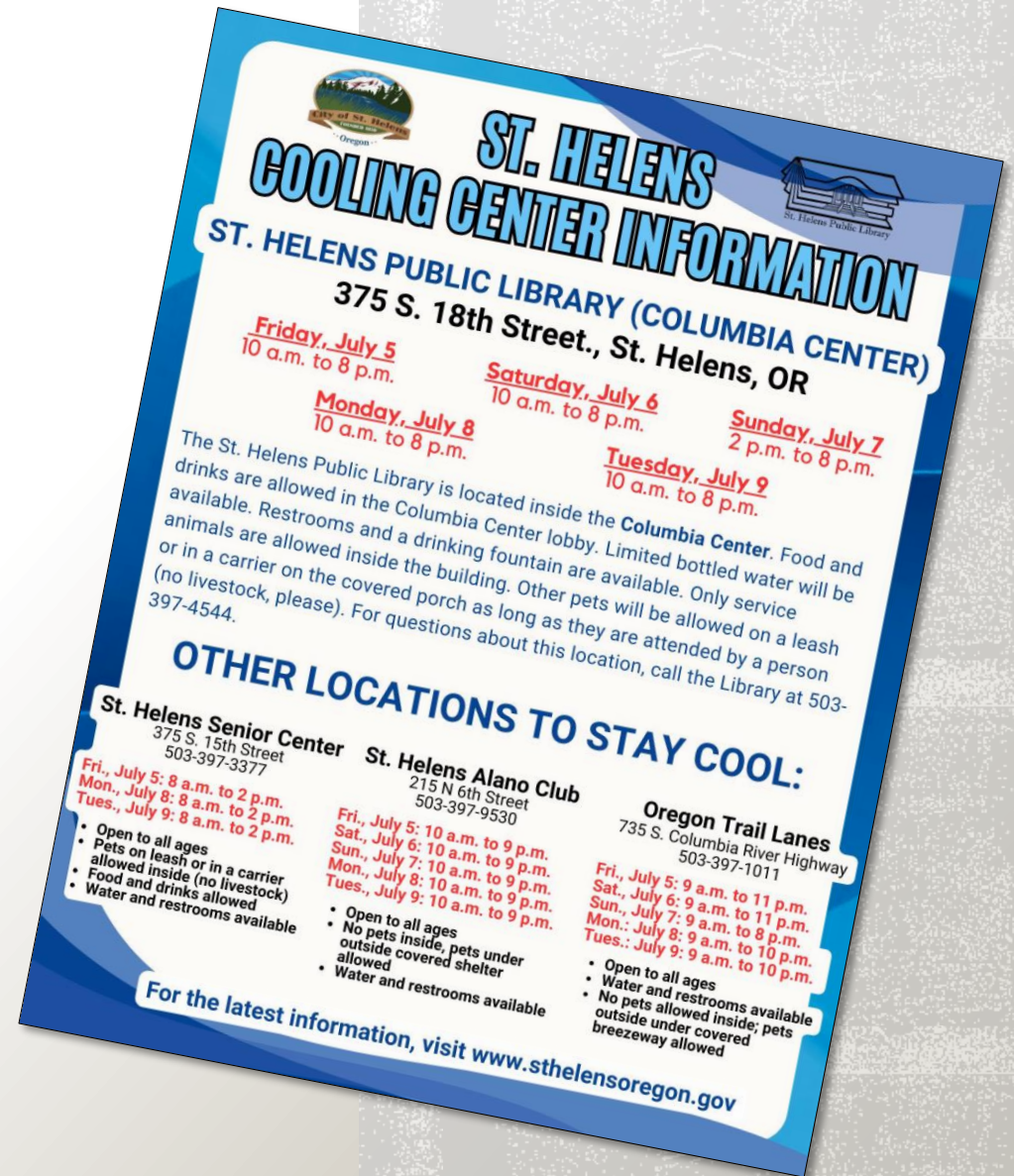
Goal 2: Engage the community in lifelong learning.

Goal 3: Enhance access to library services.



COOLING CENTER

- July 5 – 9, 2024
- 9:30 am to 8:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 21 extended hours
- 666 visits during all open hours
- 75 visits during extended hours



The poster is titled "ST. HELENS COOLING CENTER INFORMATION" and is for the "ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY (COLUMBIA CENTER)" located at "375 S. 18th Street., St. Helens, OR". It features logos for the City of St. Helens and the St. Helens Public Library. The poster lists the dates and times for the cooling center: Friday, July 5 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Saturday, July 6 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Sunday, July 7 (2 p.m. to 8 p.m.), Monday, July 8 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), and Tuesday, July 9 (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.). A paragraph explains that the library is located inside the Columbia Center and lists amenities like bottled water, restrooms, and a drinking fountain. It also states that food and drinks are allowed in the lobby, and animals are allowed on the covered porch as long as they are attended by a person (no livestock, please). For questions, it provides the phone number 503-397-4544. Below this, it lists "OTHER LOCATIONS TO STAY COOL:" with details for the St. Helens Senior Center, St. Helens Alano Club, and Oregon Trail Lanes, including their addresses, phone numbers, and operating hours for July 5-9. Each location also lists amenities like being open to all ages, allowing pets on leashes or in carriers, and providing water and restrooms. At the bottom, it directs visitors to the website www.sthelensoregon.gov for the latest information.

ST. HELENS COOLING CENTER INFORMATION
ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY (COLUMBIA CENTER)
375 S. 18th Street., St. Helens, OR

Friday, July 5
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 6
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 7
2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, July 8
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The St. Helens Public Library is located inside the **Columbia Center**. Food and drinks are allowed in the Columbia Center lobby. Limited bottled water will be available. Restrooms and a drinking fountain are available. Only service animals are allowed inside the building. Other pets will be allowed on a leash or in a carrier on the covered porch as long as they are attended by a person (no livestock, please). For questions about this location, call the Library at 503-397-4544.

OTHER LOCATIONS TO STAY COOL:

St. Helens Senior Center
375 S. 15th Street
503-397-3377

St. Helens Alano Club
215 N 6th Street
503-397-9530

Oregon Trail Lanes
735 S. Columbia River Highway
503-397-1011

Fri., July 5: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Mon., July 8: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tues., July 9: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fri., July 5: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat., July 6: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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- Open to all ages
- Pets on leash or in a carrier allowed inside (no livestock)
- Food and drinks allowed
- Water and restrooms available

- Open to all ages
- No pets inside, pets under outside covered shelter allowed
- Water and restrooms available

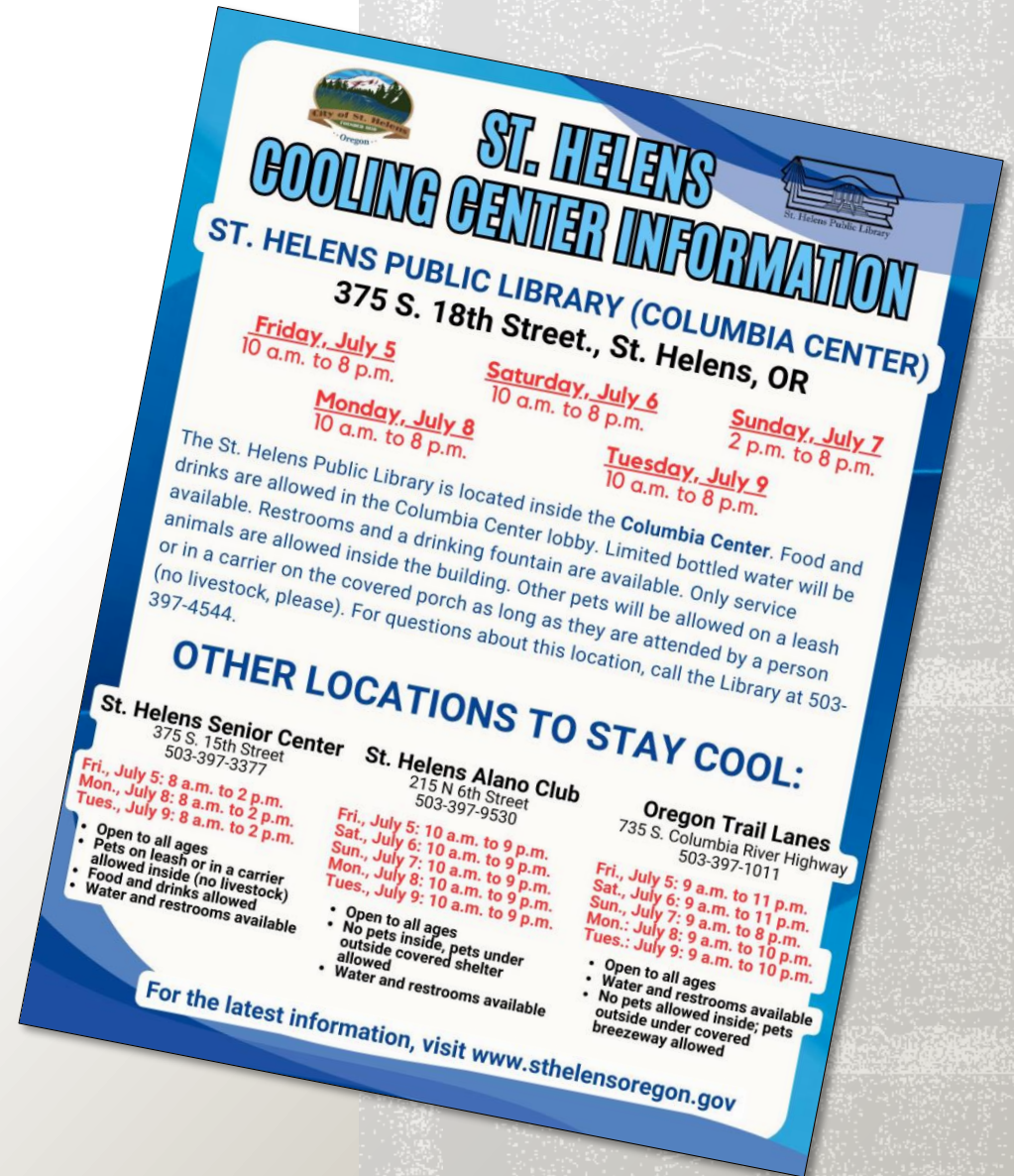
- Open to all ages
- Water and restrooms available
- No pets allowed inside; pets outside under covered breezeway allowed

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COOLING CENTER

- Partnered with CCEM, CCMH, CAT, CCPH, CERT, Library Board, Friends, City Council
- 40 volunteer hours
- Additional library staff hours



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OTHER LOCATIONS TO STAY COOL:

Location	Address	Phone	Hours	Notes
St. Helens Senior Center	375 S. 15th Street	503-397-3377	Fri., July 5: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., July 8: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tues., July 9: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	• Open to all ages • Pets on leash or in a carrier allowed inside (no livestock) • Food and drinks allowed • Water and restrooms available
St. Helens Alano Club	215 N 6th Street	503-397-9530	Fri., July 5: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat., July 6: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun., July 7: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon., July 8: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues., July 9: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	• Open to all ages • No pets inside, pets under outside covered shelter allowed • Water and restrooms available
Oregon Trail Lanes	735 S. Columbia River Highway	503-397-1011	Fri., July 5: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat., July 6: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sun., July 7: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon.: July 8: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues.: July 9: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.	• Open to all ages • Water and restrooms available • No pets allowed inside; pets outside under covered breezeway allowed

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SEED EXCHANGE

- Partnership with OSU Master Gardeners
- Free seeds – to share and take
- Launching Thursday



SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

Logged Minutes

- Youth 50,491
- Teens 75,164
- Adults 79,292

Registered Readers

- Youth 284
- Teens 57
- Adults 132



BUILDING USE

- 41,833 visits in FY 2024
- Building hours:
 - Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
 - Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
 - Saturday, 9:30 to 2:00 pm
- Library hours:
 - Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
 - Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Wi-Fi : 5:00 am to 12:00 am
- Auditorium and Armstrong Room
 - Library-sponsored programs and events
 - Non-profit meetings, community events, and private gatherings



A SAMPLING OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

- 65,011 items borrowed in FY 2024
- 42,000+ items owned
- 200+ Library of Things
 - mobile hotspots, telescope, hand tools, Air Fryer, robotics and other learning tools, musical instruments, moisture meters, bicycle repair kit, and much more
- Six public computers used for many purposes tasks – finding job prospects and applying for jobs, finding Federal forms, filing court documents, homeschool families finding educational materials



OPEN HOURS AND VISITS

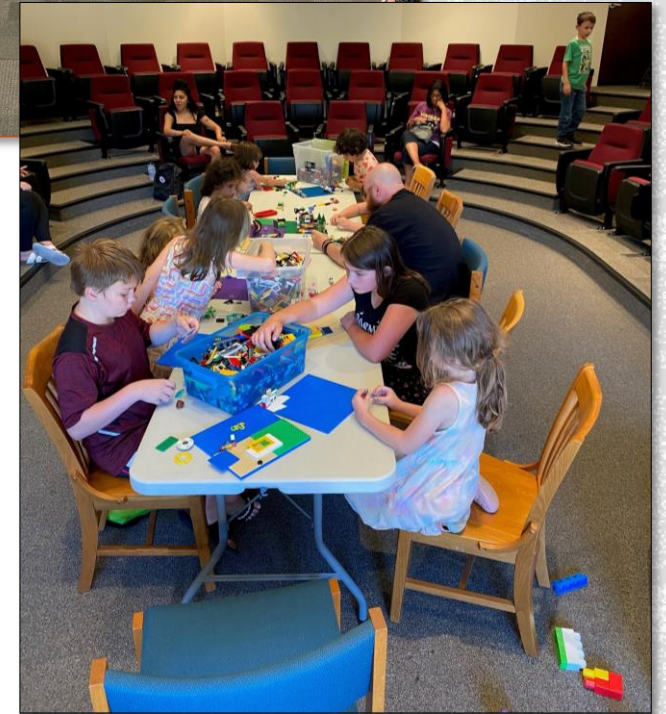
	2023-2024
Paid Staff per 1k	0.4
Population	15,009
Registered Patrons (w/o OBR)	3,204
% of Population Registered	21.35
Reference Questions	3,692
Number of Open Hours	2,578
Library Visits	28,955

Data compiled 7.26.2024



YOUTH SERVICES

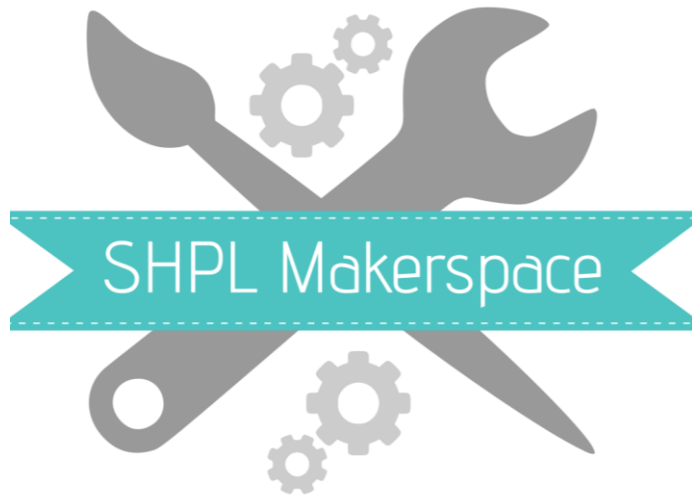
- Regular programming
 - Weekly storytimes
 - LEGO Free Play
 - Homeschool Meetup
 - STEAM Zone
- Special programs
- Summer Library Challenge
- Outreach



ADULT PROGRAMS

- Adults and Crafts monthly
- Book Club monthly
- Special programs





- Youth and Makerspace Librarian
- Youth programs
- Looking ahead



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES CORNER

- Grand opening on May 16, 2024
- Funded in part by grant from GRO St. Helens
- Partnering with Small Business Development Center





SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

- Reader's advisory
- Early literacy
- In-depth research
- Homework help
- Employment and business
- Local history
- Active learning
- Community outreach





COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Arts Guild
- Writers Guild
- Columbia County Museum Association
- Recreation Department
- Columbia County Health Department
- Columbia County Mental Health
- Amani Center
- St. Helens Public Library Ukelele Orchestra
- Others



LIBRARY STAFF



Six FTE

Library Director (1.0 FTE)

Patron Services Librarian (1.0 FTE)

Youth and Makerspace Librarian (1.0 FTE)

Cataloger – Library Technician (1.0 FTE)

4 Library Assistants (.5 FTE each)



LIBRARY BOARD

Officers

- Chair Aaron Martin
- Vice Chair TBD

Members

- Robert Dunn
- Ellen Jacobson
- Jana Mann
- Colleen Ohler
- Lynne Pettit
- Fatima Salas
- Diana Wiener
- [vacant]



VOLUNTEERS IN FY 2024

- 27 volunteers
- Logged 954 hours
- Value of volunteer time \$32.27/hour -- \$30,785.58
- Supporting the library
 - Shelving, checking book order on shelves, book repair, preparing items for use, and more





FRIENDS OF ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Support

- Summer Library Challenge
- Genealogy Conference
- Book Club

Officers

- President Pam Benham
- Vice President Nancy Tarnai
- Treasurer Charlotte Hart
- Secretary Marilyn Cade



"We just moved here, and the library has been such a comfort . . ."

A (regular) patron that both Nicole and Michele helped tonight left us a nice [donation] and said, "You've saved my job and my marriage!"

We had a patron in today who asked if we had anything to eat, any crackers or something. Tari was going to offer a granola bar from her bag, but the woman left before that. She had also asked to use the phone to call for a ride earlier, (no answer,) and was clearly in need.

WHAT OUR PATRONS SAY

"Here I am asking for Brenda's time to help me try to pay October's rent by pitching my artwork overseas."

A patron stopped by the desk to compliment us on the library. She said:

- We are so kind.**
- The building is so accessible (she uses a motorized wheelchair).**
- The library has "compassion written all over it."**
- Everyone she has talked to has been so helpful.**

He said the people who helped him get his card were very knowledgeable and gave him a lot of information. He also said how amazing it is that there are so many things you can do at the library.

