

Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries

May 2009

LIBRARY COMMUNITY LOSES GOOD FRIEND NANCY FERRELL



The Alaskan library community lost a good friend and valued colleague this week. **Nancy Ferrell** passed away in her home on April 10th. She was surrounded by her friends and family.

Nancy and her husband Ed made their home in Juneau since the early 1950s. They raised their two children here, and were active in the community. Nancy was a longtime member of the Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries, served on the board, and for many years edited the newsletter.

A tireless writer and educator, Nancy recently published the ninth of her non-fiction books for young readers and adults. She published articles and stories in a variety of magazines and periodicals, and received many local, state and national honors for both her writing and her efforts to foster literacy.

Nancy loved the natural world, and was an avid sports fisher who tried never to miss the Golden North Salmon Derby. She traveled extensively throughout Alaska and the world, most recently visiting the Galapagos Islands.

At her request, a celebration of Nancy's life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. June 13 at the El Sombrero restaurant.

Here at the Alaska State Library, where Nancy was a frequent researcher, we remember her best for her wit, her kindness, and her bright spirit. We'll miss her a lot, and we offer our best wishes to Ed.

Contributed by Jim Simard, Head of Historical Collections, Alaska State Libraries
For a list of Nancy's works held in libraries visit <http://www.worldcat.org/profiles/akstatelibrary/lists/660581>.

PODCASTS

You missed the great lecture by Bruce

Colville? You can still hear it! Listen online to recordings, aka a "podcasts", of library lectures and presentations at <http://jplpodcasts.podbean.com/> "Podcast" is combination of the words "iPod" and "broadcast" but an iPod isn't necessary: any computer capable of playing media files can play a podcast. Hear Alaska writers John Straley and Dan O'Neil, and events such as the 2009 Poetry Omnibus and exclusives such as Juneau's own, [Floyd Dryden](#) [Eagles Drama Club](#) presenting Bruce Coville's, "The Stinky Princess" in Full-Cast Audio style.

LIBRARY BLOG

Keep up-to-date on happenings at all the Juneau libraries! Read book reviews by local folks, and share your own reviews; see what's new in the stacks; and keep abreast of special additions to library programs all at the **Juneau Book Blog** <http://juneaubookblog.wordpress.com>

FUN AND GAMES AT THE LIBRARY

Increasingly, libraries across the nation are attracting more middle school and high school users by expanding their collections to include **multi-media materials of special interest to youth**. To initiate such a collection in the JPL, the Friends recently purchased \$2,800 in video games on three different platforms including Wii, X-Box, and Playstation III. "Game Nights" are now being held on Saturday evenings at the libraries, and have become family events, with both youths and their parents attending.

NEW FRIENDS WEBSITE!

Thanks to the efforts of volunteer Elise Tomlinson and FOL Board Member Caroline Hassler, the Friends has



a new web address, a new look to the site, and a new email address!

<http://www.friendsjpl.org>

info@friendsjpl.org

Special Days in May

May 1 May Day, Hawaiian Lei Day
May 2 Holland Tulip Time Festival
May 3 Paranormal Day
May 4 International Respect for Chickens Day
May 5 Totally Chipotle Day; Cinco De Mayo
May 6 Great American Grump Out Day
May 7 National Day of Reason
May 8 No Socks Day; World Red Cross Day
May 9 Mother Ocean Day
May 10 Mothers' Day
May 11 Eat What You Want Day
May 12 Library Legislative Day; Limerick Day
May 13 National Receptionists Day
May 14 "The Stars and Stripes Forever" Day
May 15 National Bike to Work Day
May 16 Pierce Brosnan's 56th birthday
May 17 Armed Forces Day
May 18 Visit Your Relatives Day
May 19 *Gone With the Wind* published 1936
May 20 Turn Beauty Inside Out Day
May 21 "I Need a Patch for That" Day
May 22 National Wig Out Day
May 23 World Turtle Day
May 24 Brother's Day
May 25 National Missing Children's Day
May 26 Australia: Sorry Day
May 27 National Senior Health and Fitness Day
May 28 Portland Rose Festival
May 29 Hug Your Cat Day
May 30 Battle of the Aleutian Islands
May 31 World No-Tobacco Day



The Story of a Dog's Power to Heal

Wednesday, May 6th
Douglas Library 6:30pm

Barry Schiber met Moritz eight years ago when Moritz was just a puppy living in the Swiss Alps. It wasn't long before Barry realized that Moritz had a gift to share: a natural ability to heal. He took Moritz home with him to Montana. As they traveled the world, Barry saw that Moritz spread kindness and compassion. Barry's book *Moments of Wonder* tells the stories behind the healing moments with Moritz.

Family Night for Preschoolers

Tuesday, May 5th Downtown Library 5:30

Listen to Songs of the Sea with special guest fisherman Andy Ferguson and stories of the sea with special guest reader Linda Torgerson.

Enjoy smoked salmon snacks and a great family activity. This is the last Family Night until next September.

Kids under five are invited to enroll in the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library to receive a free book in the mail each month. For more information call AEYC at 789-1235. Special Thanks to Holland America for sponsorship of this program.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Storytime 11:00-11:30 VAL	2
3	4 Lapsit Storytime 10:00-10:30 JUN 11:00-11:30 VAL	5 Family Night for Preschoolers* 5:30 pm JUN	6 Storytime 11:00-11:30 JUN A Dog's Power to Heal* 6:30 pm DGL	7 Storytime 11:00-11:30 DGL	8 Storytime 11:00-11:30 VAL	9
10  Mother's Day	11 <i>Lapsit Storytime</i> <i>Recess</i>	12	13 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	14 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	15 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	16
Youth Services staff will be visiting in the schools, promoting the Summer Reading Program.						
17	18 <i>Lapsit Storytime</i> <i>Recess</i>	19	20 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	21 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	22 <i>Storytime Recess</i>	23
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31	To reach us for renewals, sign-ups or questions:			*Please turn over for details about the library programs.		
	Juneau 586-5249	Valley 789-0125	Douglas 364-2378			
VAL = Valley Library DGL = Douglas Library JUN = Juneau Library						



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Friends merchandise!

Just a few samples of items available at the Friends of the Juneau Public

Libraries new on-line store. Visit the store http://www.cafepress.com/JPL_Friends for

bags, clocks, mouse pads, posters, and cards.

"Safety Yellow" Messenger Bag \$25



Posters, cards and bags are available im-
printed with the 20th Anniversary com-
memorative graphic.



Canvas Tote \$16

