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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

Books to the Rescue!

Campaign Assists Louisiana Libraries Devastated by Hurricanes

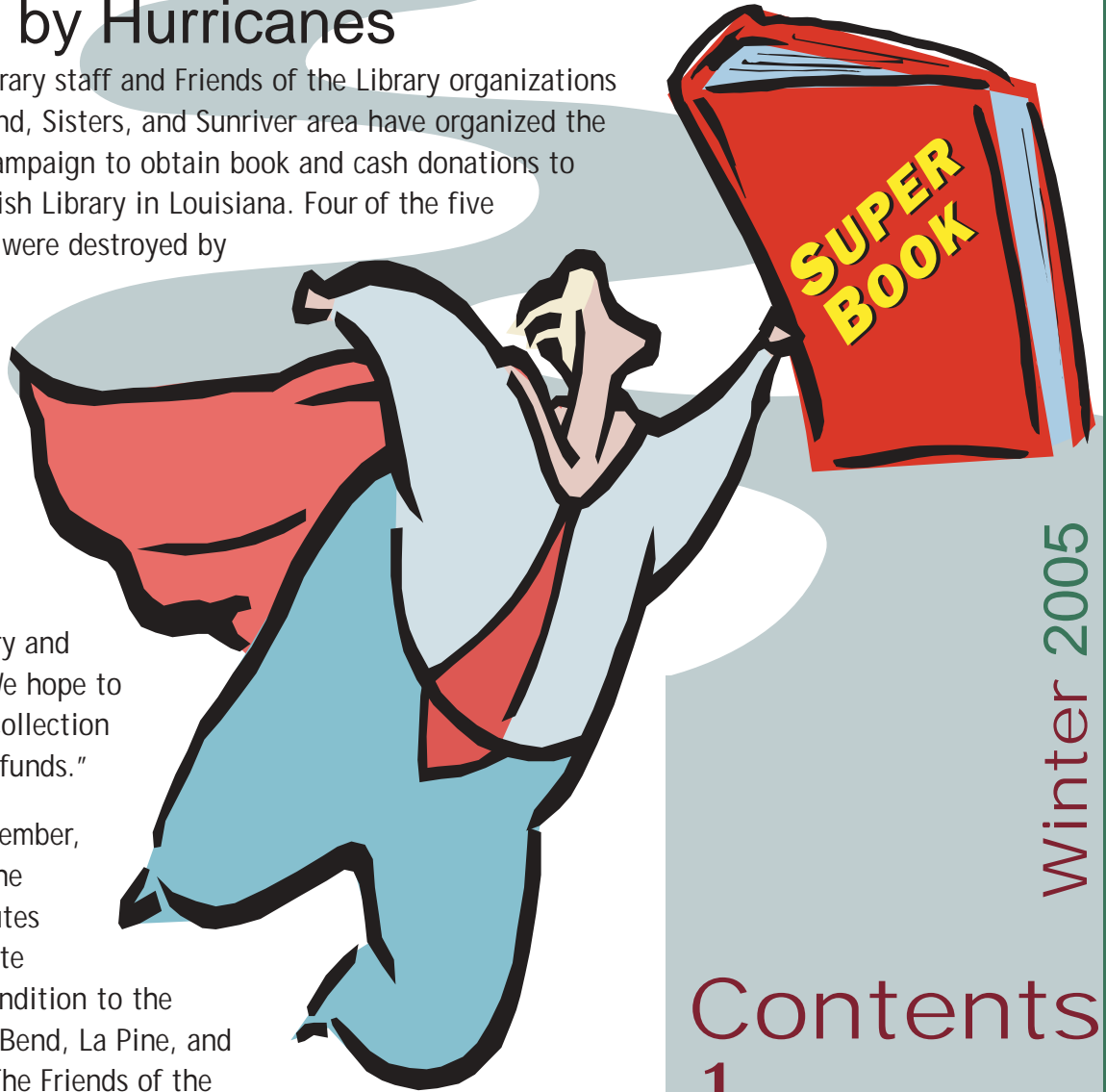
The Deschutes Public Library staff and Friends of the Library organizations in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver area have organized the "Books to the Rescue" campaign to obtain book and cash donations to support the Cameron Parish Library in Louisiana. Four of the five Cameron Parish Libraries were destroyed by hurricane activity.

"Cameron Parish Library circulated more books per capita than any other library system in Louisiana," said Library Director Michael Gaston.

"The loss has been devastating for the library and the residents it serves. We hope to help them rebuild their collection with donated books and funds."

During the month of December, the Library's "Books to the Rescue" is asking Deschutes County residents to donate quality books in good condition to the Friends of the Library in Bend, La Pine, and Sunriver Area Libraries. The Friends of the Library organizations will hold books sales in December and January. All proceeds will be sent to Cameron Parish Library. Financial donations will also be accepted at each library's check-out desk in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver Area or through the local Friends of the Library organization.

For more information, please contact your local library.



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This is the season when we make a special effort to pay attention to all that brings us joy and happiness. We decorate our homes and businesses with bright, shiny objects, and we gather with friends and loved ones to share food and laughter. The holidays are also a time of contemplation, renewal and commitment, when we look past the dark days of winter and make plans to take full advantage of the approaching new year.

Two articles in this newsletter will help to define the holiday for me this year. The lead article describes our Library's effort to come to the assistance of the Cameron Parish Library in Louisiana. These are the darkest days for Cameron Parish. What was once a thriving library program, one of the best of its size in Louisiana, has literally been reduced to rubble. A new library project, nearing completion, was completely destroyed. A third of the population, including the library director, lost their homes.

Contrast the devastation in Cameron Parish with the December 19th opening of the new Sisters Library. The Sisters Library is a dream come true for a small, thriving, community. I walked through on Monday and received a real jolt of holiday spirit. A group of five-year olds were sitting around a miniature table, each with an opened picture book, looking for all the world like budding scholars. Teens had already found the public access computers. A stream of long-time residents braved ice and snow to walk through the new building and celebrate with Branch Manager Peg Bermel, who has served the community for over twenty years.

Sad as it may be, I can't help but think about Peg's counterpart in Cameron Parish. These are her darkest days. Yet, when we spoke to her by phone, her sights were clearly set on the New Year. The bookmobile is up and running. One of the library buildings can be rebuilt. She recently purchased a trailer and moved from her hotel room. And many long-time residents are returning to rebuild their lives. Step-by-step, she is moving towards a brighter future.

I am very pleased that we have the bright and shiny new Sisters Library to celebrate this year. I am also grateful for the example and the lessons that we can learn from the heroic effort to rebuild the Cameron Parish Library. The two taken together will define the holidays for me this year.

I encourage one and all to celebrate the holidays by writing a check to your local Friends of the Library to support the Cameron Parish Library.



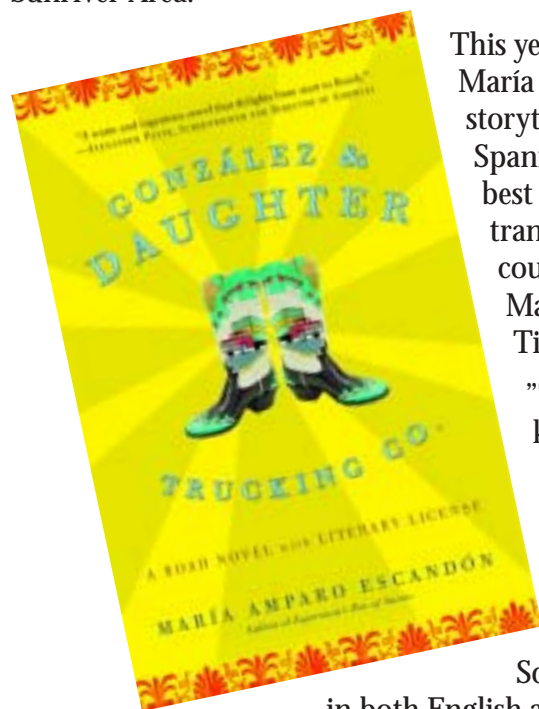
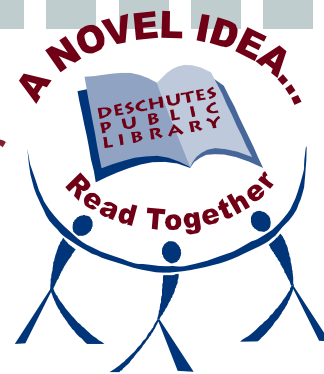
Michael Gaston



González & Daughter Trucking Co.

2006 “A Novel Idea...Read Together”

The Deschutes Public Library and The Deschutes Public Library Foundation present the third annual “A Novel Idea...Read Together” program. This county-wide reading and discussion program encourages Deschutes County residents to read the same book, at the same time, to create a county-wide book club. “A Novel Idea...Read Together,” is a multimedia, multifaceted series of events. The four-week program kicks off April 2 and runs through April 29. Throughout the month, programs and events highlighting the selected novel are offered at libraries in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver Area.



This year’s selected read is *González & Daughter Trucking Co.* by María Amparo Escandón. Ms. Escandón, a bestselling bilingual storyteller, published her first novel, *Esperanza’s Box of Saints* and its Spanish version, *Santitos*, in 1999. Her novel was the number one best seller on the Los Angeles Times Best Sellers List, has been translated into 16 languages and is currently read in more than 80 countries. She was named the “Writer to Watch” by Newsweek Magazine in 1999 and the “Writer to Watch” by the Los Angeles Times in 2000.

“The programs are designed to enhance the participant’s knowledge of the novel in an entertaining and unexpected way,” said Novel Idea Project Director Chantal Strobel. “We’ve combined an array of programs that include presentations by scholars, films, a trucking history museum, food tasting, and demonstration that support and enhance this year’s novel. All of the programs are free and open to the public.”

Some of the marketing materials and resources will be offered in both English and Spanish this year.

A Novel Idea culminates with author María Amparo Escandón speaking at the Tower Theatre in Bend on Thursday, April 27 from 7:30p.m.–8:30p.m. A book signing will follow the discussion at 8:45p.m. in the lobby of the Tower. This special evening is free to the public but attendees must pick up tickets at their local library for entry. Seating is limited. Tickets will become available on Saturday, April 8. Other author events are planned this year. Ms. Escandón will speak at COCC for students and faculty on Friday, April 28 and at the Paulina Springs Book Store on Saturday, April 29. Following, the discussion at Paulina Springs, Ms. Escandón will present in Spanish at Mi Pueblito restaurant in Redmond.

For more information, please contact Chantal Strobel at 312-1031.

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New Library Opens Sisters Public Library

The Sisters community is enjoying a new and expanded library. The 8,300 square foot library, located at 110 N. Cedar, opened on Monday, December 19. The previous building closed on Saturday, December 10 so library materials, equipment, and shelving could be moved into the new facility.

"We are eager to serve our Sisters residents in this beautiful and functional space," said Sisters Public Library Manager Peg Bermel. "The new Library will serve as the information and community center for Sisters and provide many years of service for our growing community."

According to Bermel, a grand opening is planned for mid-January when the community will be invited to officially celebrate the new library.



Library comes to Assisted Living Facilities

For several years the Deschutes Public Library has been bringing library materials to residents living in assisted living facilities unable to get to a local branch. Currently the library serves the following facilities in Bend: Aspen Ridge, Bend Villa Court, Greenwood Manor, and Whispering Winds. In La Pine, Outreach Services visits the Prairie House.

Wonderful Outreach Services staff and volunteers select and deliver library materials to many of these facilities. Just recently, Outreach Services staff visited the residents at Prairie House to deliver a wide range of materials, including large print, fiction, non-fiction, movies, and Bi-Folkal Remembering Kits.

If you are an activities director at a facility and are looking for an engaging program, consider checking out a Bi-Folkal Remembering Kit. Recreate a time in history with slides or video, music, skits, things to touch, and more. For further information about these "programs in a bag," contact Outreach Services staff at 312-1035 or via e-mail: outreach@dpls.us.

BEND River RATS

Beginning January 11, the Bend Public Library Children's Department will be offering a series of programs for children grades 3-5 on early release Wednesdays. "River RATS" will feature reading, activities, treats, and stories from 2:30-4:00pm. Each four week period will have a different theme, such as mysteries, fractured fairy tales, and African safari. Attendance is limited to twenty, so please call 617-7097 to register.

REDMOND New STaFF!

Next time you are in the Redmond branch please welcome the newest members of our shelving crew! **Charlotta Crowe, Ruth Hoffman, Skye Kvortek** and **Tonja Stoger** all started in the beginning of November and are doing a wonderful job of getting those books back on the shelves.

WedNESDay MuSic & CoFFee

Join us in Redmond every Wednesday night from 6-8pm to browse the stacks and sip coffee as we broadcast the best of our CD collection on our "state of the art" sound system throughout the library.

La Pine Holiday Offers something for everyone

Winter is upon us, and the community of La Pine feels the effects! Patrons stop in to stock up on books and movies to pass the time on frosty days (when we aren't shoveling!).

The La Pine Library is bustling with activity in December. We held an ornament workshop, which was fun for all! Teens are enjoying movie matinees, thank you to our Teen Librarian, April. Stop in and enjoy the sounds of the season when we host the Cascade Brass Quintet on Saturday, December 17 at 3:30pm!

Families can come and enjoy "Holiday Triple-Play" story times, December 19–21 at 10:30am—fun for all ages! "Friday Family Fun" storytime will resume on Friday, January 13 at 11am. See you then!

Finally, our Friends of the Library are holding a special book sale to benefit the Cameron Parish Library in Louisiana from January 13–15 from 10am–5pm, and January 16 from 10–4pm. Support a library in need—shop at the sale! In addition, your Friends of the Library membership helps to support the La Pine Library all year round.



Cart Wheelers & Super Book represent the Deschutes Public Library during annual Christmas Parade. Back row, left to right: Super Book (alias Jeremy Silver), April Witteveen, Jan Wetzel, Julie Bower, Mary Berrigan, Louise Caldwell, and Alison Konwinski. Front row: Amiee Bancroft, Liz Goodrich, Chandra vanEijnsbergen, Morgan Caldwell, Cart Wheeler Captain Paige Bentley, and Jamie Smith. Special thanks to Joan Smith-Anable for her Super Book costume!

TERREBONNE

In 2004, the Deschutes Public Library received a Library Services & Technology Grant administered by Oregon State Library, to serve a rural area that lacks a traditional library branch. Terrebonne, with a population under 1,500, was selected for this project.

Terrebonne's Library Information Station consists of a computer workstation, printer, and a hotline phone to the Redmond Reference Department. Terrebonne residents can access materials and reference services via this station.

The Library Information Station is inside the Terrebonne Mini Market. A big thanks to owners Deryl Feguson and Tonya Lunsford, for their willing partnership in this project. Library Assistant, Denise Caudell, promotes the service and acts as liaison to the community by presenting traveling reader's advisory programs. For more information about this project contact Jo Caisse, Outreach Services Manager at 312.1036 or joc@dpls.us or Denise Caudell at 312-1065 or denisec@dpls.us.