

# ASOTIN COUNTY LIBRARY

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## Message from the Director

I try each month to talk about something that will be of interest to you. This month I have a scattered list of things that I think you might be wondering about, so I am going to respond to that list.

### How much money did you make at the auction?

We don't have final numbers yet, but we know that we brought in a significant amount of money and that it was a wonderful evening. Thank you for all of your support. When we get the final numbers we will let you know.

### When will construction begin on the mezzanine?

We are advertising for bids with a due date of October

25<sup>th</sup>. Once the contract is awarded, we will meet with the contractor to develop a schedule. We will keep you informed.

### Will the library be closed during construction?

Our plan is to have shorter hours to allow construction early in the day and an open library later in the day. We are not sure whether we might have to close for a couple of weeks or not, but we will do our best to stay open. If we do need to close for a short time, we will continue to provide service at our Heights and Asotin Branches.

### So will library staff be able to keep working?

There is a lot of work to do during a construction project.

However, we are encouraging staff to take any vacations that they have been waiting to take during this time. We have one full time person retiring at the end of November and we are planning to wait a bit before filling that position. This is an exciting time for us – for you, our patrons and supporters, and for us as a library. We will be dealing with many unknowns and making lots of decisions. Please let us know what we can do to make the process easier for you and

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE!

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## Upcoming events for October

### Mondays:

**Career Catalyst Center** 2pm  
**Foreign Film** 10/9,16,23,30  
7pm

### Tuesdays:

**Play & Learn** 9:30am  
**Career Catalyst Center**  
1pm

**Color Yourself Happy**  
10/10, 6:30pm

### Wednesdays:

**Discovery Time**— Heights,  
11am  
**Career Catalyst Center** 2pm

### Thursdays:

**Career Catalyst Center** 1pm  
**Book Night**, 10/26 7pm

### Fridays:

**Fletcher: Classical  
Guitarist**, 10/27, 7pm

### Saturdays:

**Indie Author Day**, 10/14,  
1:30pm

## Featured Resources

### Featured Resource: SELF-e

SELF-e is a discovery platform designed to expose ebook(s) to more readers via the public library, locally or nationwide. Authors submit their ebooks through a simple online form. As part of the process, they select where they'd like their book to go; to libraries in their state in a module with ebooks from other local indie authors, or to *Library Journal*, where their ebooks will be evaluated for possible inclusion in a curated, national product. Authors may

choose to send their ebooks to both places.

Ebooks from authors who opted into the state module will be made available at participating libraries across their state, even if the ebooks are not selected by *Library Journal*.

Authors whose ebooks are selected by *Library Journal* will be given a digital badge promoting their inclusion to potential readers who may choose to purchase a copy of the title and/or to purchase other books by that

author via retail channels. Also, their ebooks will now be available to even more new readers via participating libraries around the country.

There are many different reasons people self-publish, and every author has different goals for their book(s). Some of the top indie authors in the business today believe SELF-e is a great way to build a base of readers but don't just take their word for it. Read on to see if SELF-e is right for you.

To learn more about SELF-e, go to the Asotin County Library home page and click on Attention Indie Authors or stop by the library for assistance.

*“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its’ people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”*

Andrew Carnegie

## Book Night

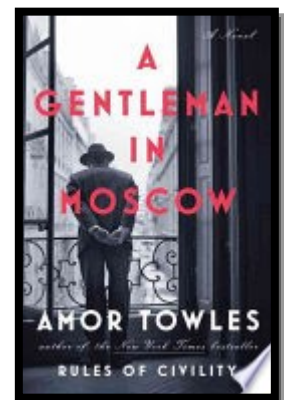
Are you interested in learning more about new books? Or getting together with others to discuss highlights or interesting passages of selected books?

Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month and enjoy lively conversation while discussing the latest book.

This month's selection:  
**A Gentleman in Moscow**

By Amor Towles

We'll see you  
October 26 at 7pm  
ACL meeting room



## Career Catalyst Center

Looking for a job? Not sure where to start?

**We can help!!!**

Stop by the Career Catalyst Center at the Asotin County Library for help with job search, resume building, cover letter, test preparation, explore new careers, strengthen your technology skills and

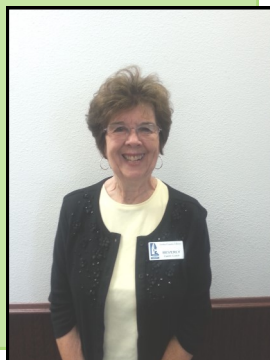
more—

- On-line application
- ◆ Update/create Resume
- ◆ Write a cover letter
- ◆ Or just need someone to talk with about your job search.

For recent grads or anyone needing a little practice before taking college entrance tests, occupational exams, or other licensing tests,

ACL offers practice tests in many areas. Stop by and check it out!! And best of all there are **no costs** for these practice exams or any of the services in the Career Center.

Bev is available:  
M/W 2-6pm & T/Th 1-5pm  
No appointment needed  
See You Soon!



Bev Rhoades

## Kids Programs, Literacy Tips and More

The American Girl Company has gifted the Nez Perce Tribe with 10 Kaya dolls and books to distribute to local libraries so each participating library can have a drawing for the doll. Their goal is to encourage young girls around 10 years old to read the Kaya series of stories. As part of this effort, Asotin County Library held a drawing wherein girls around the age of 10 read one of the Kaya books, wrote a brief review and entered a drawing for the Kaya doll and book.

The recipient of the Asotin County Library's drawing and contest was Shayla Chicklinsky, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Highland Elementary in Clarkston. Shayla came to the Asotin County Library with her family and saw the American Doll Kaya and just knew she wanted to have one. She entered the contest, wrote a review of the book and her essay was selected as the winning essay. Shayla says she is so excited to have Kaya for her very own!! She also enjoyed reading and learning

about Kaya and her adventures and loves her authentic clothing, the detail in the dress and especially the moccasins. Shayla says she hopes to continue collecting dolls but expects she may run out of room. She already has shelves in her bedroom, shelves in her Mom's bedroom, shelves around the house and she has dolls everywhere!! Congratulations Shayla!! Stop by the library to check out one of the Kaya series books and you, too, can learn more about Kaya.



Shayla Chicklinsky

## ACL Board of Trustees

The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30pm, unless otherwise posted. Board members apply to the Asotin County Board of Commissioners and serve a five-year term. Members are limited to 10 years of service to the Library Board.

## Board of Trustees

Susan Paula, Chair  
Mary Jackson  
Jenni Light  
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*Your library  
promotes a  
prosperous  
community a  
literate society,  
and lifelong  
learning for  
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ages.*

## ACL Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Asotin County Library support the library by purchasing equipment and materials, facilitating the library book sale and other events.

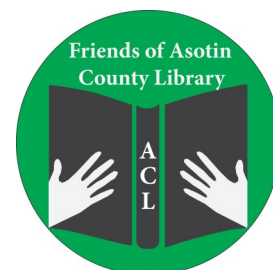
Steve Martin, President  
Betty Lou Gano, Vice President  
Jerry Hendrickson, Treasurer  
Jean Hendrickson, Secretary

The Friends are looking for new members who want to become involved with such things as reading programs, keeping book sections in order, raising money for youth reading programs and more. The Family Christmas Craft Workshop is an especially fun time to volunteer to help make the evening enjoyable. Ask any of the library staff for infor-

mation and about signing up.

**Fall Book Sale:**  
Wed—10/4 — 6-8pm  
Thurs—10/5 — 10am-5pm  
Friday—10/6 — 10am-5pm  
Sat—10/7 — 10am-3pm

**Now accepting donations** for the fall Book Sale. (up to 2 boxes a week). Drop off during regular library hours or call 758-5454 for pick up.



## ASOTIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Downtown Branch  
417 Sycamore  
Clarkston, WA 99403  
509-758-5454

Heights Branch  
2036 4th Avenue  
Clarkston, WA 99403  
509-758-4601

Asotin Branch  
215 Second Street  
Asotin, WA 99402  
509-243-6010

[www.asotincountylibrary.org](http://www.asotincountylibrary.org)



**Asotin County Library**

## Asotin County Library Foundation

The mission of the Asotin County Library Foundation is to support a vibrant, modern library system that serves the diverse needs of everyone in our community in perpetuity. The Foundation has been very busy this year in planning for the future.

Future Projects include:

- The addition of a mezzanine in the downtown building, which will allow us to expand the library's space with public computers, teen area, early literacy programs, and meeting rooms.
- Expansion of the Heights Branch
- Creation of a branch building in the City of Asotin
- Build the Foundation endowment to achieve sustainability for the library's future.

To learn more about how you can become involved with the work of the foundation, stop by the library.

### Spotlight on Success

Meet Patrick Smith

It is with great pleasure that we present one of our volunteers at the Asotin County Library—Patrick Smith. Patrick volunteers at the Asotin County Library in Clarkston and in our Heights Branch and has been with us since 2009. Patrick brings warmth and compassion and commitment to helping people to the job, but he also lives with Severe Traumatic Brain Injury, seizures and short term memory issues. For some, these challenges would be overwhelming and limiting, but Patrick rises to the challenge and does so with style. In addition to volunteering two days a week at the library, Patrick also works with our home-bound program to deliver books and other library materials to those who are unable to come to the library and delivers various flyers and materials for community events as needed. Patrick credits much of his

success to his Mom, Deby Jollymore-Smith, who helps him with daily living skills, transportation, and monitoring his health issues. Patrick would like the community to know that the library offers not only books, but computers, programs and many other resources to our community. One of his favorite things to do is helping people with computers. Patrick had his first computer at age four and has been involved with computers ever since!!! While the Heights Branch is small, it offers much and Patrick is optimistic that future plans will include a quiet place for computer use or just sitting and reading a good book in a quiet place. Because of his severe health challenges, Patrick lives with his Mom and a 12-year old American Shorthair cat named Herbert. He also enjoys tying flies,

fishing and painting wood crafts. Future plans include bass fishing, and some travel to places like Astoria, Oregon, Long Beach, Washington to visit family and friends. Stop by the Heights Branch library on Monday or Wednesday afternoon and get to know Patrick. He's a gentle soul, delightful and eager to assist in any way he can.



Patrick L. Smith