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FRIENDS OF THE BROOKS LIBRARY

OCTOBER 21, 2009

NOON

(DETAILS ABOUT THIS LUNCHEON MEETING INSIDE)

PAUL NURICK

CEO, KITTITAS VALLEY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HEALTH CARE REFORM NATIONAL PROPOSALS AND LOCAL EFFECTS

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 4, 2009

9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



BROOKS LIBRARY FOYER

We'll need the help of many Friends to prepare and sell the large inventory of fiction and books about art, history, travel, current affairs, and much, much more.

MEETING DETAILS

Paul Nurick's talk will be held at Rodeo City Bar-B-Q. The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$10.80, including tax and gratuity. Because a Friend of the Library will be collecting the money for your lunch, please be prepared to pay with cash or check only.

Paul Nurick arrived in Ellensburg in mid-July to assume his duties as KVCH's CEO. He has a master's degree in health systems management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In the course of his career, he has served as preceptor for Johns Hopkins' Hospital Finance and Management Program and residency director for graduates of Yale's School of Public Health. With wide experience in hospital administration, Paul will talk about the reforms proposed by Congress and their potential effects on our local healthcare systems.

NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

Board member and Professor Emeritus James Nylander died on May 18. Jim's service both to the university and to the Ellensburg community over many decades enriched all our lives. We extend our sincere sympathies to his widow and children.

We welcome donations for the Friends of the Brooks Library book sales. If you want to contribute, please contact Pat Owens at 509-963-1306. Fiction of the *belles lettres* variety sells very well, as do books on travel, cooking, and current events. Children's books are always in demand. At this time, we are not accepting encyclopedias.



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LIBRARY NEWS



The periodicals staff takes a break from program review.

Alumni Association members' borrowing privileges at the Brooks Library have been restored, with one exception. Alumni, by agreement of the participating libraries, will not be able to order materials through the Summit system. Interested alumni should contact the circulation desk.

The search for a new Dean of Library Services has begun. To view the job description now circulating nationally, please see Latest News at www.lib.cwu.edu. Kirk Johnson, dean of the College of the Sciences, chairs the committee. Members include library faculty and staff as well as the Friends of the Brooks Library chair.

Mari Knirck, formerly of the reference department, is now the department lead in the periodicals section. Her new title is lecturer in serials and electronic resources. Christopher Gwyn and Christopher Mayer are new faculty in the reference section.

Brian Bach, a familiar presence in the documents/maps department for 15 years, retires on October 14, 2009. Now he'll have much more time for the many books he reads during his lunch hour and coffee breaks.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Libraries: How They Stack Up" was the title of a report issued several years ago by the Online Computer Service Center. Even though the report's raw data has probably changed in the interim, its basic message is still instructive.

In this period of a slumping consumer economy, it is heartening to be reminded that libraries nation-wide are significant economic engines, generating more expenditures per year than do video retail, bars and taverns, and athletic footwear.

As service providers, libraries circulate a couple of billion items annually, and this figure does not take into account the materials consulted on site. Public library cardholders outnumber Amazon customers by a ratio of 5 to 1, and if academic libraries were included in this count, the ratio would be even greater.

A similar ratio exists when one compares library visits to attendance at professional and college football, basketball, baseball, and hockey games. Yearly, five times more people visit the library than go to the games.

Libraries of all kinds are huge repositories of informational wealth, holding billions of dollars worth of volumes that can be accessed either on site or through inter-library loan.

And lastly, librarianship is a sizeable profession both globally and nationally. In the United States, librarians outnumber advertising agents, dentists, chemists, photographers, and airplane pilots, to name but a few.

That's how libraries stack up as a significant economic sector. They matter to us materially as well as intellectually.

Beverly Heckart

SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY

Student Supporting the Library (\$15 suggested)
Category for those currently enrolled at CWU
Annual Friend (\$35-\$99)
Special Friend (\$100-\$249)

With the following categories, you may work with the dean to purchase vital library materials, and a Friend of the Brooks Library bookplate will be affixed to your gift.

Friend of the Collection (\$250-\$499)
Sustainer of the Collection (\$500-\$999)
Steward of the Collection (\$1,000 or more)

Tribute Gifts

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In memory of _____
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