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## ORCAS ISLAND LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



**JULY 2021**

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### Welcome to July at the Orcas Island Library

Thank you for participating in the **Open Days and Hours Survey!** Look for an upcoming report on the results—I loved having 93 responses to put into our hopper for consideration. Needless to say, we hope to continue increasing our open hours back toward our previous total of 53 per week (from 40 currently). It's really a matter of trying to find the best mix of days and hours, so that at least some of them will work for anyone who wants to spend time inside the building. Online resources are great, but if you're like me there's no complete substitute for browsing the bookshelves.

We had such a robust response to this survey that we've decided to feature a single question regularly to stay attuned to the needs and interests of the community.

Be sure to mark your calendar for 10 am to 3 pm on August 14 for the Friends' Library Fair! It looks all but confirmed this year, with only some remaining specific details left to work out. As during recent years, it will be held at the Library. Look for more information soon.

We're excited about being able to increase the frequency of our program offerings, and soon hope to test out a new hybrid format, in which some people can attend in person while others can watch via streaming video. Keep watching our website for developments, including news about the programs we're offering this month.

As always, call us with any questions or requests at 360-376-4985. Or email me at [pheikkinen@orcaslibrary.org](mailto:pheikkinen@orcaslibrary.org).

See you soon, I hope!

Phil Heikkinen  
*Library Director*

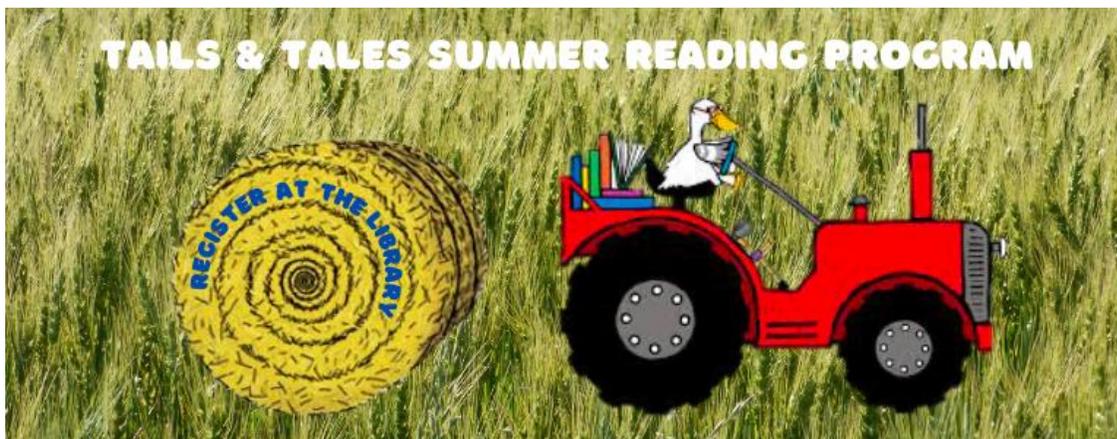
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## Monthly Survey Question:

If we had a bookmobile....where should it go and when?

[Click here to take our monthly 1 question survey!](#)

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## Summer Reading Program Events

Children of all ages are invited to join Orcas Island Public Library this summer for the Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales. Come by the library to register and get your packet of fun!

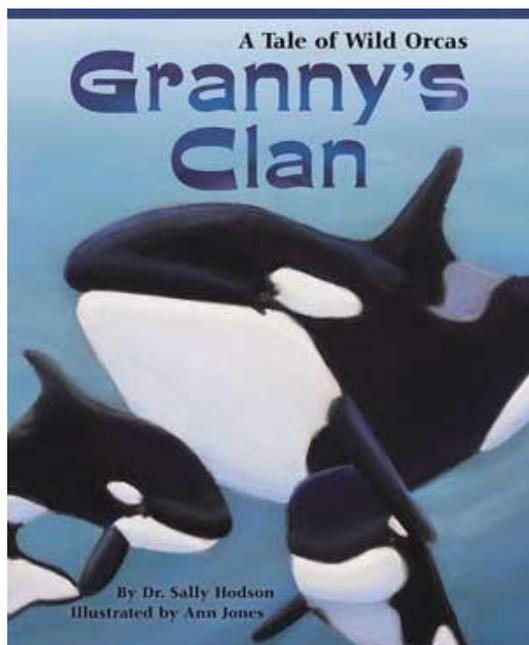
In-person (!) July events at the library and Moran State Park include:

**July 6th** from 3-5:30 pm - Be a Craft Monster!

**July 22nd** from 1-3 pm - Orcas and Echolocation (details below)

**July 29th** from 9-noon - Think Like a Trout! (details below)

For more information, stop by during open hours, call (360 376-4985), or visit our website at [www.orcaslibrary.org](http://www.orcaslibrary.org).



## Orcas and Echolocation

*Imagine that you are a young orca living with your family in the sea. Beneath the surface of the water, it's very hard to see in the darkness. How do you find your way? How do you stay close to your family as you travel together? How do you find fish to eat? Since you are an orca, you have a special ability called echolocation that helps you "see" with sound.*

Please join Dr. Sally Hodges on **Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the library from 1-3 pm** as she reads her book, *Granny's Clan: A Tail of Wild Orcas*, with a follow-up orca echolocation activity for children. This program is free and open to the public, children and adults alike.



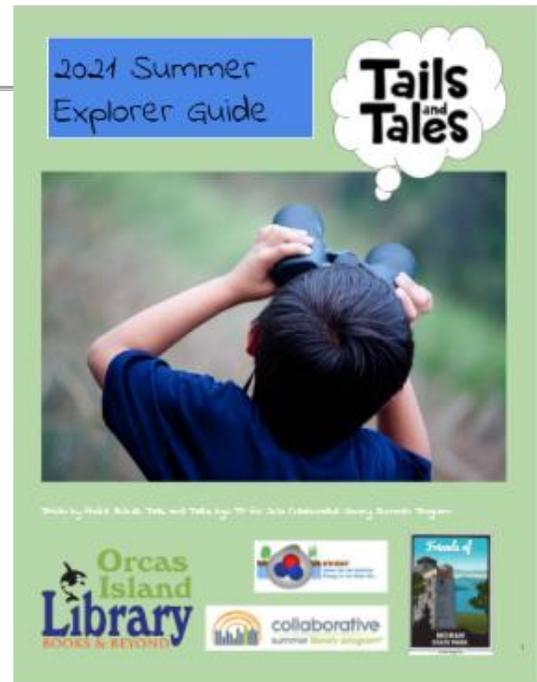
*Sally earned her doctoral degree at the University of Colorado with a focus on education, environmental science and animal behavior. From observing wolf packs in Yellowstone National Park to helping coordinate the successful rescue of an orphaned baby orca ("Springer" or A-73), Sally's writings and unique experiences help us to better understand the lives and adaptations of animals in their natural environment.*

## Think Like A Trout!

Grab your 2021 Tails and Tales Explorer Guide and head to Cascade Falls Trailhead in **Moran State Park** on **July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon** and *'think like a trout'* with Children's Librarian Jenny De Groot. The 2021 Explorer Guide was made in partnership with Orcas Island Public Library, Friends of Moran State Park, and Kwiaht. ***Click mage to download the guide or come to the library for a copy.***

You'll get to make a trout hat and search for ideal coastal cutthroat trout habitat in and around Cascade Creek! Free and open to all children, while supplies last!

Photo: Seattle's Salmon in the Schools program (<https://sisseattle.org/learning/>)



## Summer Books (and more!) BINGO

**Summer Book Bingo is Back! Pick up cards at the front desk and play through September 4th to win great prizes in three categories: teen, adult, and seniors.**

**Here's how it works:** get a 'BINGO' and you can pick a small prize AND enter your name in a drawing for the 'big' prize in your category. You can enter your name once for every bingo you get!



Get a 'blackout' and you'll be entered in a drawing for the grand prize, a sunset sail for up to 6 people on SV Artemis!

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A graphic with a light blue background. On the left, the title "ANCHOR OUT OF EELGRASS" is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Below the title, the text "Help recover salmon and orca by avoiding sensitive eelgrass and herring spawning habitats when boating in the San Juan Islands." is written in a smaller, italicized font. On the right side of the graphic is a map of the San Juan Islands, with several islands highlighted in red. Two islands are labeled "Orcas Island" and "Shaw Island".

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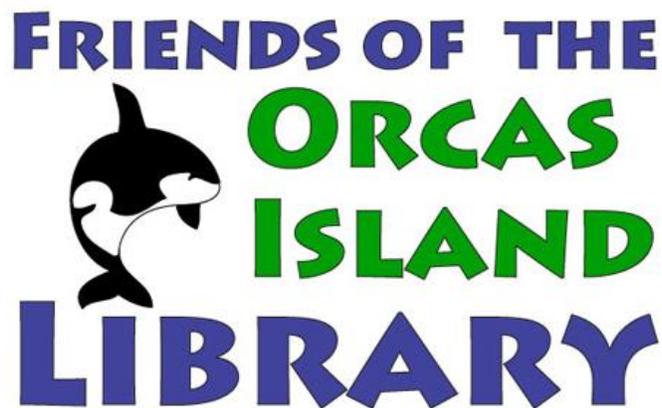
## **Green Boating Program - July 22nd at 6pm**

Ever wondered what eelgrass is and why it's important? Join us to learn about Friends of the San Juans' "Anchor Out" program and what boaters can do to help protect this critical habitat for salmon and orca. They will also be presenting other green boating practices including boating around whales,

marina resources and other info for boating in the San Juans this summer.

**Join us for this fun and informative, first ever hybrid event (at the library AND by Zoom) on July 22nd at 6pm.** More details (including the date of a repeat performance later this summer) will be available on the library website later this month. ***Click image above to download the Anchor Out map!***

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## **FOIL needs your help**

Between dealing with the sometimes biblical flood of books, organizing the two sales events and the Holiday Tea (their way of saying "thank you" to the community) the Board often finds its hands full - literally and figuratively. So the Friends of the Library are always seeking people who would like to join the Board. Their hope is that your interest in the Orcas Library extends to becoming a member of the FOIL Board and they invite you to do so. Please contact Ken Gibbs ([kenneth.gibbs@gmail.com](mailto:kenneth.gibbs@gmail.com)) if you're interested.

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**This month's topic: The GPS of the Past: Using maps in Genealogical and Historical Research**

Our new Orcas Island Museum Director, Nancy Stillger, will be sharing her knowledge concerning the use of historic maps for research at the next Zoom meeting of the Genealogy Club on Tuesday, July 20th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Join us on Zoom, Tuesday, July 20th at 10:30-12:30.**

**There will be no August Genealogy Club meeting.**

The club meets (virtually during the pandemic) on the third Tuesday of every month from 10:30 to 12:30 and is hosted by the Orcas Island Public Library. To attend please contact either Vicki Leimback at [vleimback@gmail.com](mailto:vleimback@gmail.com) or Kathi Ciskowski at 360-376-4186 or [ciskokid@rockisland.com](mailto:ciskokid@rockisland.com). There is a different topic every month. Anyone interested in genealogy (any knowledge level) is invited to join this free local club. A zoom link will be sent via email before the meeting.

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## **North Pacific right whale Program Recording Available at [www.orcaslibrary.org](http://www.orcaslibrary.org)**

We had a great turnout for Captain Kevin Campion's talk on the rarest whale, the North Pacific right whale! The session was recorded (at least most of it) and will be available on the library website.

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