



Summer, 2005

Southwest Branch Closes August 6th (really—we think!)

Join Friends of Southwest Library at a party to celebrate the long-awaited closing of the Southwest Branch for expansion! Help “demolish the library” (in cake form), sign a “Happy Expansion” card, and take a last look around: when the library re-opens, in the second half of 2006, things will have changed. The party starts at 1 pm, Saturday, August 6. (Note: Closing date is tentative, pending construction bids.)

Saturday, August 6 is the last day to pick up an item on hold, or check out or return materials at the Southwest Branch. The book drop, however, will stay open until 5 pm Friday, August 19.

While Southwest Branch is closed, you may choose any other Library location as a pickup location for items placed on hold, interlibrary loan requests or purchase suggestions. If you don't select an alternate branch, your holds will be sent to the High Point Branch.

The closest branches to the Southwest Branch are: the Delridge Branch, 5423 Delridge Way S.W., 733-9125; the High Point Branch, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., 684-7454; and the West Seattle Branch, 2306 42nd Ave. S.W., 684-7444.

Summer Reading for All (Kids, Teens, and Adults!)

Kids and teens don't win all the prizes this summer! Adults get to participate, too, with their own summer reading program *Dive into Summer Reading* (read three books and win a “Literary Latte”, and a chance to win a “Booklovers Basket” of goodies).

Children can participate in the *Reading is Natural* summer reading program, and teens have their own program, *Summer LIB - LIBeration LIBrary*. Both programs offer many events, and opportunities to win prizes. More information is available at any branch library, or on the library web page, spl.org.

Books for Roxhill School

Students at Roxhill School made a big colorful thank-you seascape (fish reading books!) in return

for our donation of children's books, selected from the Friends of the Seattle Public Library book sale in April.

Newsletters Online

You can find current and previous issues of the Friends of Southwest Library newsletter at our website:

<http://swfriends.wlonk.com> (or just Google for Friends of Southwest Library).

Tech Corner

Seattle Public Library now offers RSS feeds! You can see at a glance what materials you have out, whether your holds are ready, and recent acquisitions for your favorite author or topic—without logging in each time. To try it out, do any search on spl.org. At the bottom right of the results page, you'll see a small orange “XML” button. If you click on “[what's this]” beside that button, it will take you to a page explaining how to use the RSS feeds.

Keep in Touch!

To change your contact information, call 206-932-3741, email j.enevoldsen@wlonk.com, or mail to:

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Friends of Southwest Library plan to continue publishing the newsletter while the branch is closed, to keep you informed on construction progress, and news of our wonderful Southwest branch staff, who will be in various branch libraries around the system.

Friends Recommend...

The Shadow of The Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon (from Christy Tyson):

Set in Barcelona in the 1950s, this is the story of a bookseller's son who, on his 11th birthday, is allowed to choose one title to own from the Cemetery of Forgotten Books. His choice leads to an obsession with its mysterious writer, Julián Carax. But his fascination turns to terror when he learns that someone is buying up all of Carax's books just to burn them...and that he now owns the last existing copy of a Carax book. Mysterious, haunting, poetic, with an array of unforgettable characters...this is close to the perfect read!

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c/o High Point Library
 3411 SW Raymond
 Seattle, WA 98126



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 THE SEATTLE
 PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of Southwest Library 2005 Event Calendar

| Aug 6 | Sat | 1:00–6:00 pm | Southwest Branch | Closing Party! (tentative) |
|---------|-----|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aug 24 | Wed | 6:30–7:45 pm | High Point Branch | Monthly Meeting |
| Sept 28 | Wed | 6:30–7:45 pm | High Point Branch | Monthly Meeting |
| Oct 26 | Wed | 6:30–7:45 pm | High Point Branch | Monthly Meeting |
| TBD | | | High Point Branch | Community Artists' Showcase |
| TBD | | | High Point Branch | Community Artists' Showcase Reception |
| TBD | | | High Point Branch | Annual Meeting |

See <swfriends.wlonk.com> for calendar updates and newsletter archive.

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Cryptonomicon by Neil Stephenson (from Linda Steimle):

This cyberpunk novel goes between the near future and World War II, with people linked to both eras. Only one character has his foot in both worlds as he tries to keep bad things from happening. “Lots of code-breaking! This is one of the best books I’ve ever read! Not only is it fun to read; it’s as much fun to figure out what is really true and what is just baloney!”

Philippe Halsman’s Jump Book (from Nils Enevoldsen):

Hard to imagine how he persuaded these famous

people to be photographed while jumping, but here’s the proof, from Marilyn Monroe to Richard Nixon to Aldous Huxley to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. Amazing!

The Art of Travel by Alain de Botton (from Dennis Gruenig):

These nine philosophical essays on travel include positive and negative thoughts from various travelers from Flaubert on Egypt to Edward Hopper on automats.

A Killer In Winter by Susanna Gregory (from Dennis Gruenig):

Set in Cambridge in 1354, during a mini-ice age, a medical doctor investigates a series of five murders.