# **Friends of the Chiloquin Library**

#### 66 WHAT?

Yes, our PO Box # is 666. Fun facts about this infamous number:

It's a triangle number, meaning the sum of the consecutive numbers 1 - 36 = 666.

In the Monte Carlo Roulette table, all of the numbers add up to 666.

In 2003 US Hwy 666 was changed to Hwy 491 after decades of complaint.

PO Box 666 is easy to remember, and, yes, we'll keep it!



Paprika the Pirate has landed at the Chiloquin Library. Join her for Story Time on Wednesdays. Bring the kids for a fun adventure every week.



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## **REFLECTING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD**

### **GREETINGS!! SPRING IS IN THE AIR!**

We have had a very busy beginning of the year. The FoCL Board has spent the first quarter learning the "ropes." meeting with our schools and community members discussing how FoCL can best serve the Community and Chiloquin Library programs. Please let us introduce you to ourselves!

**Your President** Carol is the driving force behind this effort. She brings such energy and great ideas to our team!

**Your Secretary** Toni is a retired executive secretary who not only created our new logo, and also did a great job creating our Friends of the Chiloquin Library Facebook group. Please be sure to follow us and see all the adventures we are planning.

**Your Treasurer** Jennifer keeps very busy and is gracious to lend her bookkeeping talent, as well as her creatively! Jen has created our event posters, and they will surely make you smile when you drive by when we are hosting an event.

**Your Advisor** Past President, Gay has spent many years with FoCL Gay is an amazing resource for us with a ton of support and a wealth of knowledge.

**Your Library Advisor**, Lily is a valued and dedicated librarian! Lily has been serving the library, managing programs and welcoming visitors to our Library for years.

Friends of the Chiloquin Library would like to take this opportunity to say a big thanks to all our local businesses for their donations of gift certificates for our Welcome Packets for new and renewing members. THANK YOU!

Our Valentine's Day Bake Sale was a huge success! Thank you to all our members who contributed baked goods and supported this event!



**From our members:** We appreciate our Membership community and invite you to submit an article to our newsletter!

#### FoCL Starts Local Seed Market Submitted by Pam Allen

From a single seed comes the potential to grow more seed, provide food, clothing, and even the oxygen we breathe. Some say seeds are our most important resource, especially in a community challenged by fire and harsh, short growing seasons. If this resource is so important, why is seed harvesting so overlooked?

A fun fact about seeds is that they are living (in a way) and like all living things they adapt. This means the more you grow a seed, the better it does in the local climate. Seed swaps are a fun and effective was for the community to work together to grow the health of the community.

Growing a diverse seed library can secure the future of Chiloquin's ability io grow local and healthy, as well as to preserve the stories of local green thumbs. Many seeds come with stories, birthed from the years of effort and love from those who tended to them. This is why FoCL is beginning to work together to re-vamp a gardening club, and to build a diverse, and locally grown collection of seed that our community can use in their gardens.

If you have seeds, or just a passion for green, we would love your help in revamping the gardening club and working towards securing the future plant sustainability in the basin. Please come to the library on April 20<sup>th</sup> (for our Seed Swap Kickoff Event. Learn how you can help lead your community toward a future of seed sustainability.

(Pam is a new member to FoCL with a fascination for gardening and all things seeds. Please let us know if you would be willing to write an article for our newsletter. We look forward to your literary contributions.

#### LOOKING FORWARD – UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7-13 National Library Week

April 20 Seed Swap

April 13 Book Sale

May 4 Houseplant Sale

We are also planning a book club for students new to reading chapter books, and an Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social is in the works for sometime this summer!

Carol Holub, President

Toni Starniri, Secretary