

## LIBRARY HOURS

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***Mondays: Closed***

***Tuesdays: 9:00am to 8:00pm***

***Wednesdays: 9:00am to 8:00pm***

***Thursdays: 9:00am to 8:00pm***

***Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm***

***Saturdays: 9:00am to 5:00pm***

***Sundays: 1:00pm to 5:00pm***

### Did You Know?

In the past year, the Seaside Library had over 120,000 visits to the Library!

The Library has over 45,000 items and 5,300 card holders

In the past year, materials checked out from this library over 100,000 times.

The Seaside Public Library is second on the Oregon Coast (after Bandon) in circulation statistics per capita.

### Head Librarian/Library Directors of the

#### Seaside Public Library through the years:

Mr. George E. Shaver Founding librarian/civic club president

Matron of the public bathrooms (1913-1918)

Miss Clara Gilman (1918-1920)

Mrs. Sophia Johansen (1920-1926)

Daisy Biles (1926-1938)

Eula Harris (1938-1944)

Eleanor West (1944-1946)

Elizabeth McKay (1946-1963)

Laurene Hawley (1963-1976)

Jean Schlappi (1976-1981)

Shirley Gibbons (1981-1995)

Reita Fackerell (1995-2012)

Esther Moberg (2012-present)

#### Seaside Public Library's Mission Statement:

The freedom to know is the foundation of democracy. The Seaside Public Library dedicates itself to collecting and distributing an array of information and ideas that is diverse in material, varied in formats, and rich in viewpoint, reflecting the multi-cultural character of the community and world it serves.

The Seaside Public Library offers equal access to its resources and encouragement in their use so that enlightenment, literacy, and life-long learning may flourish.

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# Seaside Public Library

## 1913-2013



Courtesy of the Seaside Historical Society

Original Dresser Building 1913 - One Room Library



Library Today

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# HISTORY OF THE SEASIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE SEASIDE LIBRARY WAS STARTED BY THE SEASIDE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CLUB IN 1913. AT THAT TIME, IT WAS LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE FIRST PUBLIC RESTROOM IN THE DRESSER



1918 Original Reading Room

BUILDING ON WEST BROADWAY. IN 1919, THE CITY COUNCIL TOOK OVER OPERATION OF THE LIBRARY AND MOVED THE LIBRARY TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CLUB BUILDING. THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION IN 1935 ESTABLISHING THE LIBRARY UNDER OREGON STATE LIBRARY LAW, AND THE LIBRARY WAS MOVED AGAIN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNEX/MENZEL BUILDING. THE LIBRARY MOVED AGAIN TO CITY HALL/THE FIRE HALL WHERE IT REMAINED UNTIL A NEW LIBRARY WAS BUILT IN 1963 AFTER YEARS OF FUND RAISING AND A BOND ISSUANCE OF \$35,000 FOR THE NEW LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY ON ROOSEVELT WAS REMODELED IN 1985, DOUBLING IN SIZE. BY THE EARLY



1964 Newly Built Library on Roosevelt

1990s, THE LIBRARY COLLECTION AND SERVICES HAD OUTGROWN THE SPACE.

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THE CITY OF SEASIDE STARTED SEARCHING FOR A NEW LIBRARY SITE IN 1998. PLANS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING INCREASED THE LIBRARY'S SQUARE FOOTAGE FROM 5,200 SQUARE FEET TO 13,700 SQUARE FEET. IN ADDITION TO A PRIVATE DONATION OF \$500,000, THE COMMUNITY PULLED TOGETHER TO HOST MANY FUNDRAISERS INCLUDING A RUBBER DUCKY DERBY , GOLF TOURNAMENT, AND A PARKING LOT SALE.

LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 4TH, 2007.

THE NEW LIBRARY'S GRAND OPENING WAS ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2008.

## Library Timeline:

June 12, 1913 Seaside Library was started by the Seaside Civic Improvement Club as a reading room off the new public restrooms in the Dresser Building

January 7, 1919 Community Center and Library take over the Soldiers and Sailors Club Building

December 16th, 1919 annual library fund is set at \$1,000

November 16, 1926 annual library fund \$3,000

February 15, 1927 librarian's annual salary: \$700

April 17, 1931 Resolution for city to establish a free library in accordance with state law. This would entail a "reorganization". Resolution was tabled.

Library was closed for six months in 1935. Formed as a public library and re-opened.

In 1936, 1,214 books circulated. Total library cards: 282.

1938, 13,849 books circulated. Total library cards: 803.

March 15, 1943, Library now in the Menzel building (Fire department annex next door to the present day Fire House Grill.

November 1956, party for Mrs. McKay in recognition for her years of service as librarian.

April 11, 1960, Women's club asks for the creation of a fund for building a library.

February 14, 1961, Resolution 2389 sets aside land on Roosevelt drive for a library. (Present day Surfline Surf Shop)

Bond passes November 6, 1962 for \$35,000 to build library.

Library grand opening in 1964

1985 Expansion of library double square footage.

Moved to new library 2008.



NEW LIBRARY 2008