

Written Public Comment

August 16th thru September 6th, 2022

- Jimmy Jones – Community Action Executive Director, Salem – Mid Willamette valley Community Action Agency – seeking additional government appointed representatives to join Board of Directors
- Jane Herb – Keizer – Please stop adding fluoride to our water



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August 19, 2022

Mayor and City Council – City of Keizer
PO Box 21000
930 Chemawa Rd NE
Keizer, OR 97303

Dear Local Government Partner:

The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency is seeking additional government-appointed representatives to join our Board of Directors. Our Agency was created in 1967, chartered as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, a product of the War on Poverty. Community Action Agencies are locally organized, federally funded agencies that work to end generational poverty through education, advocacy, and “whole person” direct services across a variety of unique program areas.

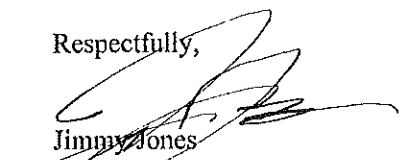
Today, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency runs nine major programs in our three divisions: Energy and Weatherization, Early Learning and Child Care, and Housing and Homeless Services. Collectively, these programs address generational poverty by providing direct services, and by organizing community resources and advocating for better public policy to serve those in need. Annually, our 500 employees serve about 55,000 residents of Marion and Polk counties, and provide \$65 million in resources and services to our low income community.

Our projects include Community Action Head Start, which serves about 1,000 children and their families in our community each year. That program is a collection of several state and federally funded initiatives, including the federal Head Start program, Early Head Start, the state’s new P3 program for infants and toddlers, and the federally sponsored Child Care Partnerships program. Collectively these programs center on school readiness for children ages birth to five from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Head Start creates learning environments that support the development of language, literacy and social and emotional development, and centers that work on the role of parents and relationship building.

We also operate the ARCHES Project, which is one of the largest and most well respected homeless services operations in Oregon. Each year ARCHES houses about 800 homeless residents of our community. In 2020-2021 we ran the most successful rental assistance program in Oregon, providing more than \$26 million in federal rental assistance to more than 5,000 families in 15 months. In 2019, ARCHES opened a large Day Center operation in downtown Salem where we provide showers, laundry, hot meals and connections to services. We expanded our sheltering operations to include the ARCHES Inn (an 80-room Project Turnkey motel) and the Tanner Project (a 36-bed transitional shelter for homeless veterans) in 2021; and in 2022 added a Shelter Care Plus project for homeless residents exiting from the hospital but still needing care. Through this work we have provided wildfire relief, service navigation for farmworkers, permanent supportive housing at Redwood Crossing (a joint project with the Salem Housing Authority), veterans’ services, and much more. Collectively we provide about 15,000 nights of shelter per year for the region’s homeless. The Agency also operates Taylor’s House, a runaway and youth homeless shelter in Salem, and we have plans to expand that work in 2023.

Our Board meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. If your jurisdiction would like to nominate a candidate for consideration of membership, please contact me at jimmy.jones@mwvcaa.org, or by calling 503-585-6232 (ext 1100). In these trying times, young families, the elderly, and the vulnerable residents of our community need a pathway out of generational poverty. We hope that you will lend your talents in service of our work.

Respectfully,



Jimmy Jones
Executive Director

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Davis, Tracy

From: Jane Herb <janeherb08@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Wood, Tim; Administrator; Davis, Tracy
Subject: Please stop adding fluoride to our water

CAUTION: This email originated from Outside Your Organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or on clicking links from unknown senders. Please contact Information Technology for assistance.

Hello Mayor Clark, City Councilors, and City Staff:

While reviewing the City of Keizer Water Report, to my dismay, I found that we fluoridate our water. This is a harmful practice, and I'd like to respectfully request that the City review and discontinue the addition of fluoride, a known neurotoxin, an EPA-identified contaminant, to our water.

Keizer began fluoridating its water in 1982. I found an article from 2010 where this was a controversial topic in the City, with a discussion about discontinuing the practice. Rather than discontinuing it, we actually added more delivery equipment! We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on adding fluoride to our precious water, and I believe it's time to stop doing this—to stop throwing good money after bad and at the same time improve the health of our residents.

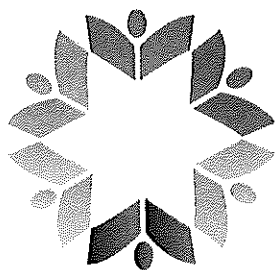
I've compiled some references here as to why I'm urgently requesting the City take action. It's critical to the well-being of every person who drinks our water.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jane Herb
Keizer

<https://draxe.com/health/is-fluoride-bad-for-you/>
<https://fluoridealert.org/researchers/professionals-statement/>
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<https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/11571/fluoride-in-drinking-water-a-scientific-review-of-epas-standards>
<https://www.westonaprice.org/health-topics/environmental-toxins/fluoride-worse-than-we-thought/#gsc.tab=0>



Keizer Community Library Annual Report 2021

Keizer Community Library
Opens The World
To Everyone



Keizer children proudly show off their library cards



Early literacy computers in use

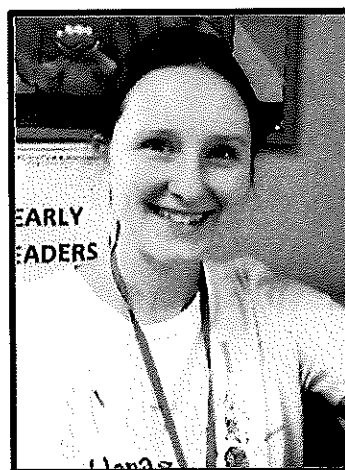
Serving More Families & Children Than Ever Before!

- Kids library cards
- Free cards, no fines
- Remodeled library space
- New early literacy workstations
- More Spanish language books
- More dual-language books
- Outside book return
- New computer system
- Updated website

PRESIDENT'S message:

"2021 was a transitional year for your library. Most library services were suspended due to mandated COVID closure. But that closure created the opportunity for the library's Board of Directors to reinvent your library. We completed an extensive remodel of the space. Library cards became free and we eliminated late fees. An outdoor book return was installed. A new computer system allows you to browse our catalog, reserve books and manage your library account from anywhere. We expanded our collection to include books in Spanish and many books focused on diversity. Stop by and see the NEW KEIZER COMMUNITY LIBRARY!"

Bill Leach



Library Manager

Meet Clara!

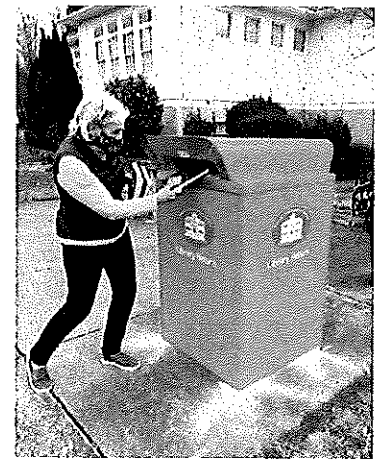
"My dream for Keizer Library is that all children fall in love with books and that volunteers and patrons, who come from all parts of Keizer, find a community here."



Complete remodel



Affordable reading available at Keizer Community Library's bi-annual book sales

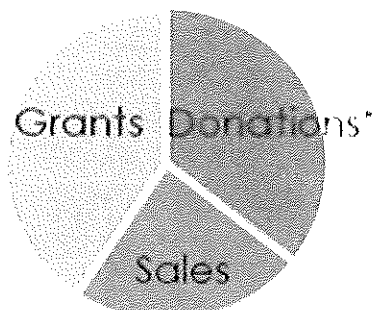


Outdoor book return

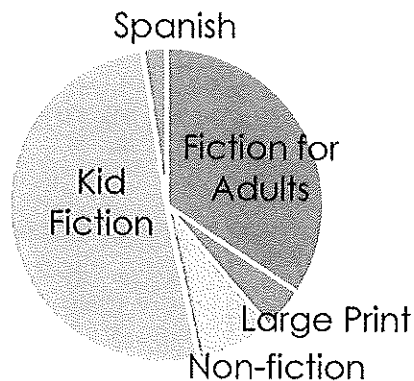
Books Checked out 2021

Sept - Dec

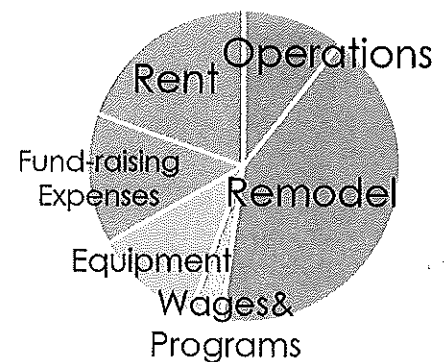
Income 2021



*does not include donated books, work hours or equipment



Expenses 2021



With our new online catalog, you can:

- search for books
- place holds to pick up
- manage your account
- download mobile app "Librista"
- renew your items
- see checked out items
- Create lists

Library Hours

Mon, Tues 3-7 pm
Wed - Fri 1-5 pm
Sat 11-3 pm

Get In Touch Or Stop By!

980 Chemawa Road NE, Keizer
503-390-2370

info@keizerlibrary.org

Facebook: KeizerCommunityLibrary

Why become involved?

The Daughters of the American Revolution provides a wonderful way to get involved in your community and make lifelong friends.

Daughters participate in various projects for our service men and women, veterans, children, and community.

Our chapter meets at the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May, at 10:00 am.

We invite you to attend.



Courtesy Oregon Historical Society

Anna Maria Pittman

1803 — 1838

Teacher, Methodist missionary, and accomplished poet who traveled to Oregon Country in 1837 to live and work at the Willamette Mission.

She became the wife of Methodist missionary Jason Lee.

***Do you have a patriot
in your family?***



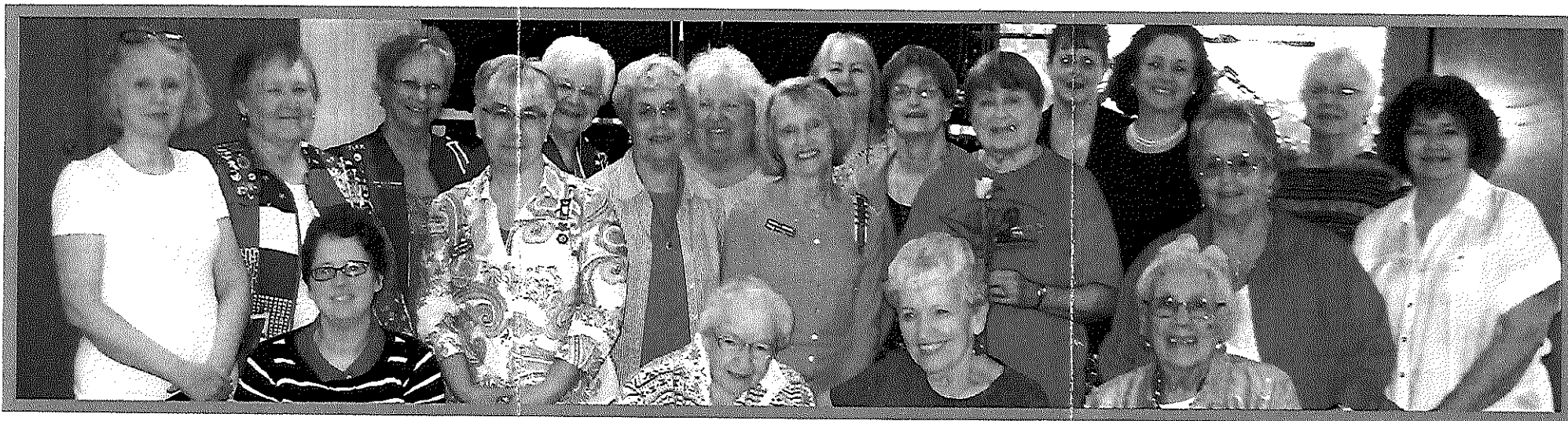
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Anna Maria Pittman Chapter

National Society
Daughters of the
American Revolution

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a not-for-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education.



Who We Are

We are your neighbors, mothers, sisters, wives, aunts and grandmothers. We are women who...

- care about fostering *good citizenship*
- want to *preserve our past*
- are devoted to *educating our youth*
- want to honor our *ancestors*



What We Do

- *Historic Preservation*—We restore and maintain historic sites and preserve historical records and artifacts.
- *Patriotic Endeavors*—We support veterans, active duty troops, and their families, and sponsor special programs that promote the Constitution.
- *Promotion of Education*—We support youth programs, award scholarships, and sponsor essay contests for students.

Membership Eligibility

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible.

DAR volunteers can provide guidance and assistance with your application process.

How To Join

Contact Anna Maria Pittman Chapter

Anna Maria Pittman Chapter, NSDAR

Tish Baker, Registrar

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