

City of Rainier Library Board Meeting

Minutes

2023-02-10 — 9:00 am

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RAINIER CITY HALL

106 W B ST., FL 2

RAINIER, OR 97048

To provide diverse learning opportunities to the Rainier community.

Board Members present:

- Marcia Roberts, Board Chair
- Brandy Blackburn
- Sharon Erdman
- Tonya Higgins
- Rosemary Scandale
- Kim Worrall
- R. Allen Snider, Board Secretary / Library Director

Board Members absent:

- Jasmin Elwood

City Representatives present:

- Connie Budge, City Councilor / Library Liaison
- W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

Community members present:

- Kira Fitzpatrick, Library Volunteer
- Lyle Roberts
- Tami Tack

Visitor Comments

None

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda

Rosemary Scandale moved to approve the agenda. Tonya Higgins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Minutes

Tonya Higgins moved to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Rosemary Scandale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A Mardi Gras Mystery Tea Party

Allen Snider noted that over 30 tickets had been sold as of that meeting, before yielding the floor to volunteer event coordinator Kira Fitzpatrick for more details. Kira highlighted Marcia Robert's hard work on planning the menu and then outlined the ticket sales process, pre-event information email, informal set-up, social media marketing, décor, and volunteering. Marcia Roberts then took the floor to preview the menu — including scones, shrimp cocktail, deserts, and assorted beverages. A variety of detailed discussion followed, with questions from Tonya Higgins and Rosemary Scandale, and the overall complexities of coordinating volunteers, food-servers, guests-in-character, sounds and lighting were acknowledged. Scott Jorgensen then summed up the general demand in the community for these events and the interest in future programming.

Read Across America Day

Allen Snider outlined his plans for storytime event on Read Across America Day. Tonya Higgins and Brandy Blackburn asked more about scheduling, with Connie Budge noting weekend preferences and Scott Jorgensen considering a weeklong celebration. Eventually it was suggested that there be TWO reading events, on March 2nd and 4th — which will also act as an “A/B Test” to help us gauge relative interest between those days.

Friends Group Formation

Connie Budge noted that she left a bundle of general resource documents in the Library about forming nonprofits and special districts. Otherwise, it was agreed to continue this discussion at the next regular meeting.

New Signage

Marcia Roberts said she really appreciates the new signage being added to the Library shelves, and everyone liked the examples demoed by Allen Snider. Allen shouted-out Kira Fitzpatrick, noting that she and her graphics skills were instrumental in launching this refresh.

Goal Setting

The City Council's general goal setting session will be held at the Senior Center on 2023-03-13. Before then, Marcia Roberts suggested the Library Board set our own goals in preparation. There was a general discussion on a mutually-agreeable time and date for this working group, with a tentative date of 2023-02-24 set, and leaving other details to-be-determined.

Genealogy

Connie Budge and Brandy Blackburn picked-up from earlier discussions on offering genealogical resources and sharing research knowledge through the Library. Connie, Brandy, Marica Roberts, and Scott Jorgensen also discussed the status of local newspaper archives, and Rosemary Scandale mentioned folk in Longview interested in genealogy. Sharon Erdman noted that a community workshop would be great, and Brandy, Marcia, and Sharon discussed the possibility of these activities being a joint project with the Rainier Oregon Historical Museum.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for 2023-03-10 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:30 am.

Signed:

Marcia Roberts, Chair

R. Allen Snider, Secretary / Library Director

Library Director's Statement

February 2023

Our “Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Tea Party” was a remarkable success! We’ve received great feedback – from Facebook to word-of-mouth, people loved it. The Library community really came together and put in an incredible amount of work to make it all happen. Here are just a few of very many kudos to share...

Thank you all so much: each and every one of you made our afternoon of cozy mystery into the talk of the town!

Marcia: People raved about your food! Thank you for all you did, from menu planning and shopping, to baking goodies all weekend and running the kitchen the day of. It wouldn’t have been such a success without all your hard work. And of course, thanks for the idea for this event!

Kim and Tami: You were easily the best hosts we could have asked for. Between magic tricks, script running, helping in the kitchen, serving guests, and even ad-libbing jokes with the crowd — thank you, thank you! You made it a day to remember.

Kira: *UXORI CARISSIMAE, SINE QUA NON* — To my dearest wife: absolutely none of this would have been possible without you.

Tonya: We sold 53 tickets (7 tickets shy of max capacity), and it was in no small part to your promoting the event on the Rainier Community Bulletin, encouraging folks to attend, and answering many, many questions on social media – thank you!

Rosemary, Sharon, and Trina: For your collective contributions — helping with character sheets, food prep, serving a three-course tea, washing dishes, and cleaning up afterwards — thank you all so much! Your aid was invaluable. And thanks for hanging our flyers around town, Sharon!

Scott: Thank you for all your support, and for letting us murder you! You “executed” your role perfectly. The blackout went even better than we had hoped — especially the crowd’s genuine reactions when “The Architect” ran up, took your pulse, and announced “the Governor’s dead”!

Lyle: Thank you for being our photographer! It’s great to have so many photos documenting the event.

Special thanks to **Beaver Falls Grange** for the use of their kitchen, and **Rainier United Methodist Church** for the great venue space.

— And to *you*, as always, thanks for reading!,

Allen Snider (Mirrored Lamp LLC)

Director, Rainier City Library

February 2023

Preliminary Data Selection

Date	Visitors	Week No.	Day of Week
2023-02-01	13	5	Wed
2023-02-02	7	5	Thu
2023-02-03	7	5	Fri
2023-02-04	13	5	Sat
2023-02-05	0	6	Sun
2023-02-06	0	6	Mon
2023-02-07	14	6	Tue
2023-02-08	12	6	Wed
2023-02-09	11	6	Thu
2023-02-10 —		6	Fri
2023-02-11 —		6	Sat
2023-02-12	0	7	Sun
2023-02-13	0	7	Mon
2023-02-14 —		7	Tue
2023-02-15 —		7	Wed
2023-02-16	21	7	Thu
2023-02-17	5	7	Fri
2023-02-18	9	7	Sat
2023-02-19	0	8	Sun
2023-02-20	0	8	Mon
2023-02-21 —		8	Tue
2023-02-22	2	8	Wed
2023-02-23 —		8	Thu
2023-02-24	11	8	Fri
2023-02-25	4	8	Sat
2023-02-26	0	9	Sun
2023-02-27	0	9	Mon
2023-02-28 —		9	Tue
Total	129		

Columbia County, Oregon Government

County Clerk

Columbia County Courthouse
230 Strand Street, St. Helens, OR 97051 503-397-3796
co.columbia.or.us/departments/clerk/county-clerk-home
Clerk's Office has Marriage Licenses, Vital Records, Probate? Adoptions? The County Clerk's Office uses a private company to order Vital Records (birth, marriage, death, divorce) from state departments. You may order online.

County Assessor

Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand St., St. Helens, OR. 97051 503-397-2240. This office has Tax Records.

Columbia County, Oregon Resources

Caples House Museum

capleshouse.com/

Clatskanie Historical Museum

cityofclatskanie.com/aboutclatskanie/museum.html

Columbia County Museum Association

Historic Court House Museum - St. Helens

Columbia County Courthouse, 244 Strand St.

St. Helens, OR 97051 503-397-3868

colcomuseum.org/home

Pioneer Museum - Vernonia

511 E. Bridge St., Vernonia, OR, 503-429-3713

colcomuseum.org/home

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

1055 9th Ave. Suite B, Longview, WA 98632;

360-577-8140 www.cowlitz.org/

Enrollment info is in online newsletters.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO)

B-2505 SE 11th Ave #18, Portland, OR 97202

503-963-1932 www.gfo.org

The GFO library has several Columbia County, Oregon histories and censuses along with the vital records. See their card catalog and publications for sale.

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society (LCGS)

The Genealogy Room at Longview Public Library

PO Box 472, Longview, WA 98632; lcsngen@yahoo.com

www.rootsweb.com/~walcolgs. The collection has a few books of Columbia County, Oregon, Probate, Marriage and Cemetery Records and some Oregon Territory censuses.

Genealogy Research Help is available 1-3 p.m. each Wed. in The Genealogy Room at Longview Public Library.

Research Help by Mail or Email \$10/hr. Info:

www.rootsweb.com/~walcolgs, Attn: Queries Chair.

Longview Public Library (LPL)

1600 Louisiana St.; Longview, WA 98632; 360-442-5300

longviewlibrary.org. **The Genealogy Room** has 3300

genealogy books. **An Obituary Index** to local newspapers is online at longviewlibrary.org/genealogy/index.php

LDS Family History Centers (FHC)

Longview, WA

1721 30th Ave., Longview, WA 98632; 360-577-8234

St. Helens, OR

2755 Sykes Rd., St. Helens, OR 97051; 503-397-0682

Email: or_sthelens@ldsmail.net. **The permanent collection at this Family History Center has all of the historical Columbia County records that have been microfilmed.**

Read microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and access Ancestry, Fold3, Find My Past, etc., free at Family History Centers.

The card catalog is available online. Search: "United States, Oregon, Columbia" also, add the city name.

familysearch.org/locations and familysearch.org

Rainier, Oregon Internet Historical Museum

geocities.ws/clarkmikew/

Vernonia Pioneer Museum

vernonia-or.gov/Recreation/Museum.asp

Columbia County, Oregon Libraries

Note: Our county libraries have *Columbia County Cemetery Records*, the 23-volume *Columbia County History* booklets done in the 1960-1980s and information about their local area. Check each library's online card catalog.

Clatskanie City Library

1 Library Access Rd., Clatskanie, OR 97016

503-728-3732 clatskanielibrary.org/

Columbia City Library

205 1st St., Columbia City, OR 97018. 503-366-8020

Email: ccclibrary@live.com.

columbia-city.org/menupages/departments/library.html

Rainier City Library

106 W. B St., Rainier, OR 97048

503-556-7301. cityofrainier.com/?view=library

Scappoose City Library

52469 SE 2nd St., Scappoose, OR

Email: scappl@scappooselibrary.org

503-543-7123 scappooselibrary.org/

St. Helens City Library

375 S. 18th St. Helens, OR 97051 503-397-4944

ci.st-helens.or.us/library/ Email: shpl@ci.st-helens.or.us

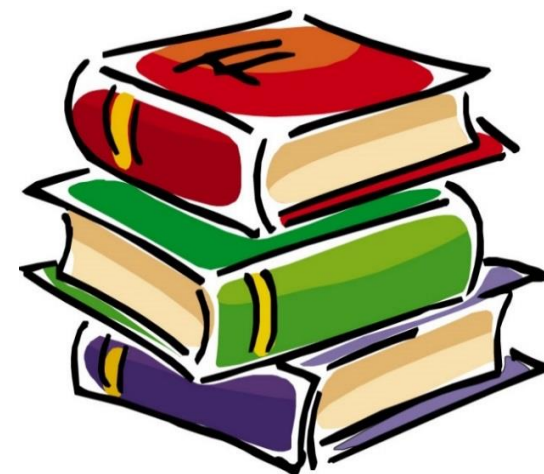
Vernonia City Library

1001 Bridge St., Vernonia, OR 503-429- 1818

vernonia-or.gov/Resources/Library.asp

Columbia County, Oregon Ancestors

Where to Find Them



Lower Columbia Genealogical Society 2016
www.rootsweb.com/~walcolgs

Columbia County, Oregon Books

Columbia County History. 22 booklets by the Columbia County Historical Society written in the 1960s-1980s about early settlers. Indexed in a separate booklet. County libraries have these books. For sale at the Courthouse Museum. Index online at colcomuseum.org/research.

Columbia County, Oregon, Cemetery Records. /ed. Whipple & Mayfield, Portland, OR: GFO, 1996. At county libraries and LPL. For sale from GFO. Index online at Columbia County Gen Web.

Columbia County, Oregon, Marriage Records, 1855-1900. / ed. Eileen Chamberlin & Emily Reding, abstracted by Aileen Viles. Portland, OR: GFO, 1994. At LPL. For sale from GFO.

Columbia County, Oregon, Mortuary Records Index, 1929-1990 Compiled from the records at Columbia Funeral Home, by Noel J. & Barbara Bennett Thompson, Warren, OR: authors, 1992. At county libraries & online at Columbia County Gen Web.

Columbia County, Oregon, Probate Records, 1856-1900. / by Aileen Viles. Portland, OR: GFO, 1985. At LPL and GFO.

Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims: abstracted from applications / by GFO. Portland, OR: GFO, 1957. At LPL & GFO. For sale from GFO.

Genealogical Material in Oregon Provisional Land Claims, vols. 1-8. / by Lottie LeGett Gurley. Portland, OR: GFO, 1982. For sale from GFO.

History, Columbia County, Oregon, publication of The Columbia County Museum Association, 2012-2016. For sale at the Courthouse Museum. Contents on web page.

Index to Oregon Donation Land Claims, / by GFO. Portland, OR: GFO, 1956. At LPL & GFO. For sale from GFO.

School Yearbooks

Yearbooks from local schools are usually available at local libraries, historical societies, or in the school libraries.

U.S. Census of Oregon Territory 1850, Washington Territory 1860 / compiled by Mildred E. Porter; indexed by Jo Landers. Vancouver, WA: Clark Co., Gen. Soc. 1982. At LPL.

Columbia County, Oregon Newspapers

Newspapers - Historical & Current

The Chronicle Sentinel-Mist, (1881-present), St. Helens area.

The Clatskanie Chief (1891-present), Clatskanie area.

The Daily News (1921-present), Longview, Washington.

The Oregon Mist (1890s?), St. Helens area.

The Oregonian, Portland and south Columbia County.

The Nehalem Journal (1889-1894), Nehalem Valley area.

The Rainier Advance (1906), Rainier area.

The Rainier Review (1905-1968) Paper & index online.

The Spotlight (1961-present), Scappoose area.

The Vernonia Eagle (1922-1968), Vernonia area.

The Vernonia Independent (1986-present), Vernonia area.

The Weekly Sentinel (1890s), Pittsburg area.

Columbia County Resources Online

Columbia County, Oregon, Deeds & Indexes Inventory
arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/local/county/columbia/inv/deed.html

Columbia County, Oregon, Gen-Web Project
oregongenealogy.com/columbia/index.html

Columbia County, Oregon, Historical Records Guide
arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/local/county/columbia/inv/index.html

Columbia County, Oregon, Marriages, 1855-1897, by Harriet Gaylord. <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/54306?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Donation Land Claims—Oregon—Bureau of Land Management
gfo.org/donation/

Federal Censuses for Columbia County, Oregon
familysearch.org. Click on Search/Browse All Collections/ United States Census. Also ancestry.com (\$) & archive.org.

Find-a-Grave
www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi

Incidents of Nehalem Valley Early Days, by John Banzer.
familysearch.org/search/catalog/2302772

Index to Columbia County History booklets
22 booklets by the Columbia County Historical Society written in the 1960s about early settlers. For sale at the Courthouse Museum. Index by Noel & Barbara Thompson online at colcomuseum.org/research.

Index to Columbia County, Oregon, Cemetery Records book:
oregongenealogy.com/columbia/Cemetery/burial-index.htm

Land Patents - Oregon – Bureau of Land Management
gloreords.blm.gov/

Mortuary Index to Columbia Funeral Home
oregongenealogy.com/columbia/col-co-funeral-home.html.

Obituary Index for Cowlitz County, Washington
North Columbia County, Oregon, residents who died at hospitals in Longview are listed in Cowlitz County, WA, newspaper death notices and obituaries. Obituaries from all Cowlitz County newspapers have been indexed. Longview Public Library has microfilm of all of the newspapers.
longviewlibrary.org/genealogy/index.php

Obituary Index to The Rainier Review
oregongenealogy.com/columbia/rainier/obit-surnames.html

Newspapers

Chronicling America (many small town papers)
<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Google News Archive (many small town papers)
<https://news.google.com/newspapers?hl=en>

Oregon Historical Newspapers
oregonnews.uoregon.edu/

Newspapers, Cowlitz County, Washington
Because early Columbia County, Oregon, settlers often moved back and forth across the Columbia River, sometimes they left records in Washington newspapers. *Longview Daily News* (later *The Daily News*), *Kalama Beacon*, *Kelso Courier*, *Kelsonian*, *Kelso Tribune*, and *Lewis River News* are available on microfilm at Longview Public Library. Obituaries from these newspapers are included in the online Obituary Index for Cowlitz County, Washington.

One Hundredth Birthday of Columbia County, by Omar Spencer. familysearch.org/search/catalog/2302788
Oregon, Columbia County, Deed Records, 1854-1965.
familysearch.org/search/catalog/1932485?availability=Family%20History%20Library

Oregon, Columbia County, Naturalization Records
familysearch.org/search/catalog/1932484?availability=Family%20History%20Library and Columbia Co. GenWeb
oregongenealogy.com/columbia/index.html

Oregon, Columbia County, Records. 1854-1958. Land. Vital Records & Naturalizations.
familysearch.org/search/catalog/1923992

Oregon State Archives
sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records.aspx
Early Oregonians Database

sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records.aspx

Oregon Historical Records Index
genealogy.state.or.us/

Oregon State Historical Society. Historic digital collection.
ohs.org/research-and-library/whats-available-online.cfm

Oregon State Library. Digital photographs.
oregon.gov/OSL/Pages/index.aspx

Prescott [Brief history of a town in Oregon now a deserted village]. familysearch.org/search/catalog/2302780

Rainier Review newspaper 1905-1979 digitized.
cityofrainier.com/?view=rainier_review

Social Security Death Index
familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535 (1962-2014)
Ancestry.com has 1935 to 2014.
ssa.gov/forms/ssa-711.pdf for ancestor's application

U S Census of Northwest Oregon: 1870 Clatsop, 1870 Columbia, 1870 Washington, 1860 Tillamook, 1870 Tillamook
At family search: dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE2130593

Western States Marriage Index
abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm

1848	Oregon Territory formed.
1854	Columbia County formed from Washington County
1859	Oregon became a state.