

Weston Library Page

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Weston's All Saints Church Barbara Coddington

The Library is proud to welcome Barbara Coddington to the lower level of Memorial Hall September 17th at 7:00 pm, to present her research of the All Saints Church. Episcopalian citizens of Weston built the church here in 1875, and it was hauled to Milton-Freewater in 1946 and changed its name to St James. The Library's favorite photo of it is one taken in 1883, when it was presided over by Pendleton's Rev. W. E. Potwine.

What's Happening?

September Calendar:

9/1 Closed in Observance of Labor Day

9/2 Library Advisory Board Meeting 5:30 pm (Library)

9/6 Grand Prize Drawing for Summer Reading (need not be present to win)

9/17 Weston's All Saints Church, a presentation by Barbara Coddington. 7:00 pm (Weston Memorial Hall)

9/18 Novel Readers 2:30 pm Beyond All Dreams by Elizabeth Camden (Library)

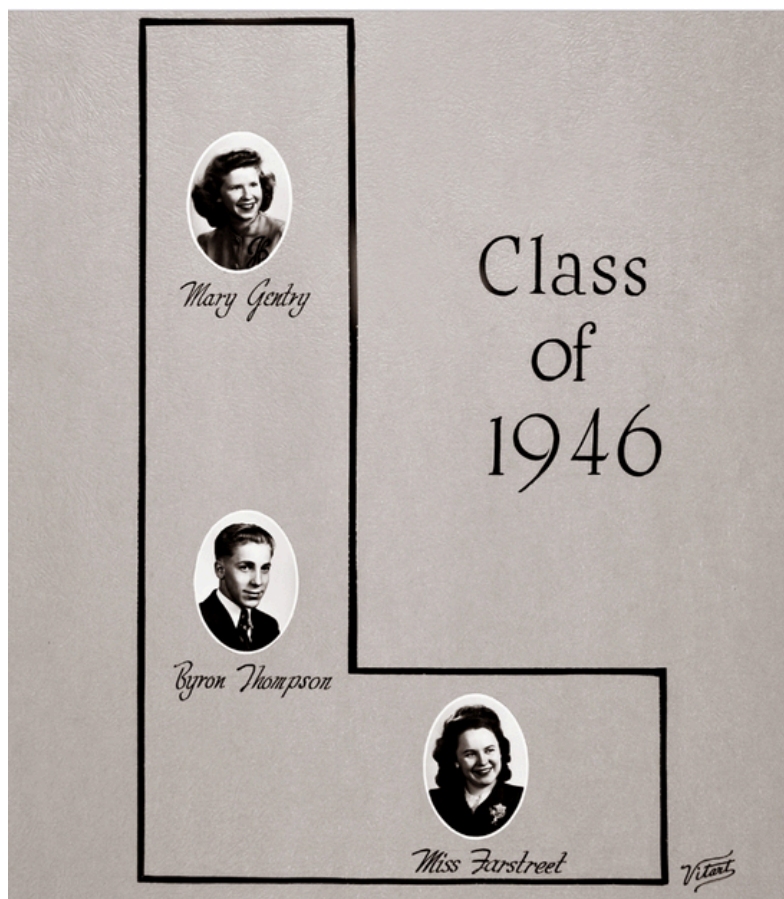
Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons

Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime



New Books at the Library

What grows here? : mountain gardening in northern California (where growing seasons are short and winters are cold) approximately 2,000-7,000 feet elevation mixed conifer and ponderosa pine by Carol L. Young.
Strangers in time by David Baldacci.



Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1946
Hold That Tiger



I'm Just a Librarian Whose Intentions Are Good

The Library has made a few bold decisions in the past year and a half. No more books on CD! Let's get a new rug! We don't need paper magazines anymore! It's good to make changes to policy and holdings! This is the new Weston Library!

The only one really successful decision was the new rug. It's a real stunner though.

The plan was to discard all of the books on CD, since they no longer circulated in our community. They still went out through interlibrary loan, but housing an entire collection for the use of people who don't even live here wasn't the most effective use of shelf space. We're a small library, we need every shelf. Then we got the word that all the magazines we subscribe to AND MORE was now available on our shared digital lending library. So many titles! So many subjects! We read craft magazines from the United Kingdom! We read cooking magazines from every publisher! There didn't seem to be any more need to refer to our paper magazine collection, although National Geographic is a perennial favorite, and there wasn't a digital copy of our other important subscription, Dirt Bike.

It didn't work out.

Our advisory board wanted us to wait over a summer to see if the books on CD circulated better during vacation driving months. It gave us time to second-guess our decision. Maybe we should keep all the children's books on CD, maybe we should keep all the books on CD purchased in the last 5 years, maybe we should keep the books on CD that circulated in the past 2 years, maybe we should keep the books on CD that were checked out more than 50 times, maybe we should keep the books on CD that were classics of Western literature. That meant we discarded only half of our audiobook collection. Well it was a good start, and it did free up a lot of space.

We decided not to renew our magazine subscriptions, and the regret was immediate. People did want to read new copies of magazines, and in fact that Dirt Bike magazine was crucial to the continued reading practice of local teen boys. It is very hard to find a reliable replacement for Consumer Reports. We renewed our subscriptions through our subscription service, cutting our order down a bit, and another firm stance fell by the wayside.

Our collection should change to reflect the usage of the community. Things that have been popular and necessary in the past become less popular, and are replaced by new options. The new options work better now, and will continue to work better for many years to come.

Some changes are not about taking away. We have added some new delights, such as that fabled rug. It's so pretty and blue and full of whimsical creatures. Also, we have added a new collection of large print books. They occupy the space left by the absence of the books on CD, and you should definitely try one for yourself. We will be buying most of our best sellers in large print for a while to help inspire readers to enjoy legible print. We are adding more television series on DVD. We have added a large collection of jigsaw puzzles. As the summer wanes, it's time to get back to indoor pursuits, and that's jigsaw puzzles. Check out a tv show on DVD, check out a puzzle, settle down for a nice time.

Your Library is always looking out for new ways to serve your diet of information.