

# Wavelengths

September 2010



## Coming Soon

• **Book Sale Coming**  
*Donations now being accepted for the fall book and plant sale to be held Oct. 22 & 23*  
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Beginning Computer Classes offered monthly at the Library  
*Three opportunities to learn more about computers offered each month.*  
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• **Join your Friends!**  
 The FHL membership drive continues - join your friends and support library facilities and services.  
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• **Want to see a program at the library?**  
 Call us at 435-3195 or email [info@friends-homerlibrary.org](mailto:info@friends-homerlibrary.org) with your ideas.

## *Biz Idea Contest gears up this fall at the Homer Public Library*

Starting in October, local entrepreneurs can compete for prize money, exposure, advice and business planning through the Friends of the Homer Library Biz Idea contest.

This contest, which runs ever two years, invites business proposals from individuals living in the southern Kenai Peninsula. The top three winners receive prize money with the first place winner taking home \$1,000. In addition, the top three winners, plus the next two best entries, will have an opportunity to create a business plan with local experts in small business development.

### **Biz Idea Contest**

- **Workshops and contest details available in October, entries due mid-November.**
- Put your business idea down on paper for a chance to win start-up funds and help creating a business plan.

In the past, ideas generated from the contest have ranged from the hilarious to the

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## **Book Club to cover "A Fine Balance"**

For next month's book club, the Friends of the Homer Library book discussion group is going to be reading 'A Fine Balance' by Rohinton Mistry. Like many novels by Indian authors and set in India, this one is long - 624 pages - so we need to get reading! This is Mistry's second novel, and it deals with the chaos, violence and despair of the poor in 1970's India under Indhira Gandhi. The painful subject matter of political and social commentary is treated with compassion and humanity, the focus is always on the characters. See if you think Mistry has created a successful tragedy or if the work devolves

### **Book Discussion Group to read "A Fine Balance"**

- **4:30 p.m. Tues. Sept. 21**
- All are welcome and event is free and open to the public.

to an overly sentimental social commentary (published reviews have gone both ways!)



Friends of the Homer Public Library  
**Technology Help**  
@ the library

Have questions about using a computer?  
Get help at the library.

**MONTHLY WORKSESSIONS & CLASSES**

**Intro to computers**

Fri., Sept 3, 1:30 p.m.  
Basics for beginning computer users.

**Tech Help Session**

Fri., Sept 3, 3:30 p.m.  
Bring your questions.

**Internet Basics**

Fri., Sept 10, 3:30 p.m.

All ages welcome to this introduction to the Internet taught by Ryan Ridge. All classes are free and first-come, first-serve.

Call 435-3195 for more information

# BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASSES MAKE DEBUT

## • *Classes geared toward new technology users*

If you or someone you now is afraid to touch a computer or baffled by the learning curve technology presents, a new class at the Homer Public Library may be a good fit.

Taught by BigWoofs Technology owner Ryan Ridge, this class will reoccur on the first Friday of each month covering the same basic concepts - how to use a computer, basic terms and techniques, how to find the files you are looking for, and the differences between software and hardware, for example.

The class is offered to anyone interested in learning more about computers, and is an entry level class. Following the beginning computer class, Ryan hosts a question and answer session for people to bring their technology questions to the library on a first-come, first serve basis. In

## **Beginning Computer Classes**

• **1:30 p.m. each first**

### **Friday**

• Geared for brand-new computer users, this class covers the basics to get you up and running. All are welcome and the event is free.

addition, a monthly class is held on the second Friday of each month covering a specific topic, such as this month's introduction to the Internet (see page 3)

For more information on any of these programs, call 435-3195 or email [info@friendshomerlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendshomerlibrary.org).

## Friends welcomes recent new and renewing members

The Friends of the Homer Library 2010 membership drive is underway and new and renewing member applications are coming to our mailbox every day. Thank you to everyone for all your contributions - every one helps support and improve our library.

### **Individual members**

Victoria Rich  
Norman Randle  
Morgan McBride  
Bill Smith  
Dorothy Melambianakis  
Yan Kandror  
Michele Theriault  
Todd Tarwid  
Fay Ann Lewis  
Holly Ann Aderhold  
Jane Eichler  
Jubal Bergeron  
Kathleen Eagle

### **Family members**

Deborah Smith  
Jeanne Walker  
Joey & Tonda Allred  
Mfanwy Dean  
Mike & Christine Szocinski  
Geoff Coble  
Frank & Donna Libal  
Toby Wheeler

### **Book Lovers**

Cecilia Worth  
Mark Robinson and Nancy Lander  
Roberta Copeland  
Paulino & Micha  
Faith Benedix  
Lisa Whip  
Sue Sherif  
Paul Raskin  
John & Donna Fenske  
Sharon Roufa & Dale

### **Banks**

Janet Fink  
Debbie Kerns  
Michael Armstrong & Jenny Stroyeck  
Elaine Burgess  
Esther Webb  
Dave & Marian Aplin  
Paula & Marvin Tretkoff  
David Lewis  
Pauli Hall

### **Bibliophiles**

Neil Denny  
Ann Gangl  
Robbie Coffey & Steve Hughes  
Christy & Jeff Tyler  
Latitude 59

### **Best Friends**

John Rate  
Mary & Jack Lentfer  
Ben, Mary & Sophia Park  
George Trudeau & Susan Green  
Charles Francis

## **Business Members**

Homer

Veterinary

Clinic

## Upcoming events

### Beginning computer class

- 1:30 p.m., First Friday of each month
- Free, first-come, first-serve computer help for beginners.

### FHL Tech Help Session

- 3:30 p.m., First Friday of each month
- Free, first-come, first-serve computer help.

### Friends of the Homer Library membership meeting

- 6 p.m. Wed., Sept. 8, Homer Public Library

### Internet Basics

- 3:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10
- Adults invited to learn more about surfing the Internet with Ryan Ridge. Class is free and first-come, first-serve.

### HPL Book Discussion Group

- 4:30 p.m., Tues., Sept. 21
- "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry will be topic of presentation and discussion. Open to all and free.

### ListenAlaska orientation

- 6-7:30 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 23
- All welcome and event is free.

### Fall Book and Plant Sale

- 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, Members Only Book Sale; 10 a.m., Oct. 23, Book & Plant Sale, Homer Public Library
- Donations now being accepted.

### Knitting Circle

- Mondays, 3-5 p.m.
- All are welcome. Refreshments.

### Children's Storyhour

- Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m.

### Infant Lap Sit

- Thursdays, 11:30-noon

## *Listen Alaska Orientation coming in September*

Join us for this interactive, hands-on orientation session to learn more about how to navigate, browse, check-out, and download audiobooks, music and eBooks to your computer or personal device.

On Thursday, Sept. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m., a presentation on this service will be held at the Homer Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

ListenAlaska, now available to all Homer Public Library cardholders, allows patrons to access digital files from home, and even upload them to your ipod or other digital device. Much like checking out a book, these files are checked out to the user for two weeks' use.

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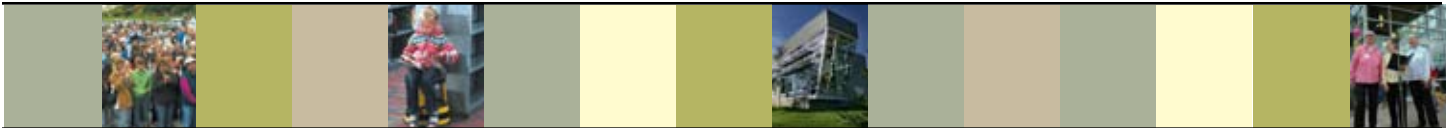
Learn more about this fascinating new development in information technology, how to install necessary software on your home computer, and what materials are available.

## All invited to Friends board meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the library

The Friends of the Homer Library invites all to its annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at the Homer Public Library. Agenda topics include the 2011 planning process for selecting programs as well as the upcoming Biz Idea Contest and Fall Book and Plant Sale. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information or a copy of the agenda, call 435-3195 or email [carey@friendshomerlibrary.org](mailto:carey@friendshomerlibrary.org).

### FHL general membership meeting

- 6 p.m., Wed., Sept. 8
- Membership is invited to the annual fall general membership meeting.



**BUSINESS** *Cont' from Page 1*

practical, and several former winners of the contest are still in business today, including Homer Hounds and the Ring of Fire Meadery. Contest details will be available online by October 1 at the Friends of the Homer Library site ([www.friendshomerlibrary.org](http://www.friendshomerlibrary.org)) or at the circulation desk of the library. Entries will be due in mid-November.

In addition, two free workshops aimed at the needs of starting businesses and those wishing to enter the contest will be held in October. Stay tuned for specific dates and times.

“This is an amazing opportunity for anyone who has ever had an idea for a small business but didn’t know how to get it started,” said Carey Restino, Friends of the Homer Library coordinator. “The business community has come together to find ways to empower and inspire those people to turn their ideas into reality.”



*Participants in the Summer Reading Program “Cirque du Libraraie” program held in August form a pyramid under the tutelage of Morgan Langham and Daniel Slone. This year’s Summer Reading Program was sponsored by Alaska USA Federal Credit Union.*

# Book and Plant Sale Coming!



The Fall Book and Plant Sale will be held October 22 and 23 at the Homer Public Library.

Book donations are now being accepted for the sale during normal library hours.

Friends of the Homer Library members are invited to a members-only preview sale on Friday, October 22 starting at 6 p.m. with live music and desserts, not to mention first dibs on all the great used books and plants.

On Saturday, October 23, the book and plant sale doors open at 10 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the sale Friday afternoon starting at 4 p.m.,

**Fall Book and Plant Sale**  
• 6 p.m., Friday, October 22 (FHL Members preview sale)  
& 10 a.m. Saturday, October 23

as well as during the day Saturday, October 23 and for clean-up on Sunday, October 24. Call Marylou at 235-6469 for more information.

All proceeds from the sale go to support programs and services offered at the library.

The Friends of the Homer Public Library is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community organization established in 1982 that encourages public use and enjoyment of the Homer Public Library’s services and facilities. With the financial and volunteer support of its members, FHL provides resources for programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Top Drawer Collection, pre-school story hour, and author readings, among others. FHL volunteers work closely with Library staff to publicize the

valuable tools and services available at the library to all community members at no cost, without discrimination. FHL also provides resources for capital improvements to the facility.

### FHL Board of Directors

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