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#### **Booster of the Month**

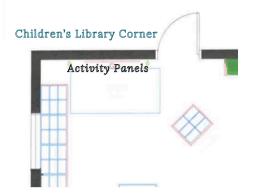
Coming this fall: an activity wall in the children's library, paid for by your Friends of the Umatilla Public Library.

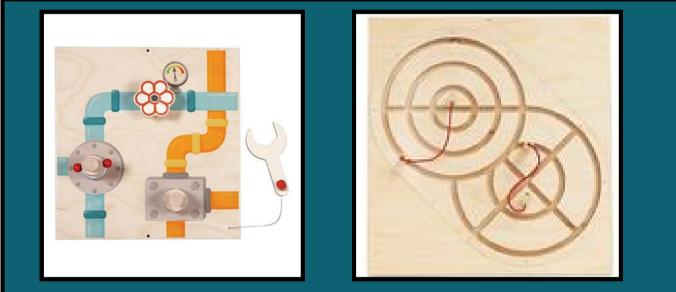


We wanted at least one more panel. Our hero, Booster Becky Sheryak, donated the money to pay for another panel. The above panel she purchased is a construction themed activity bound to be popular with the little ones.

#### **Activity Wall**

The Friends of the Library funded a new wall of activity panels for the Early Literacy Initiative. These panels are designed to entice young children into educational play boosting their brain development and fine motor skills.



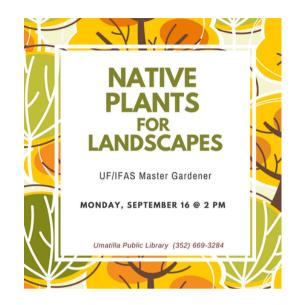


Would you like to help encourage children to learn and grow? The panels pictured here are open for a donor's name. Donate \$500 to sponsor a panel.

Unlike most activity wall units you might encounter at local libraries, these panels are designed to be interchangeable. We can hold three panels at a time on the wall and rotate them so that the activities stay fresh and intriguing to our youngest patrons.

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## **Master Gardener Series: UF/IFAS**

We continue to enjoy the Master Gardener series from the Agricultural Extension Office. Recent workshops on succulents and tree trimming answered many questions. Barbara also brought in home-grown succulent cuttings for everyone to enjoy and take home. Pre-register for the next workshops.



### **Umatilla Garden Club**

Ruth, the new President of the Umatilla Garden Club, has scheduled meetings every first Saturday at 10:00 AM and plans to use the March meeting to participate in the City-Wide Yard Sale, a library fund-raiser. Everyone is welcome to come to meetings at the library.

#### **Behind the Scenes: Digital Media**

## cloudLibrary™

If a consumer purchases an e-book or e-audiobook online it is a fairly simple process. For libraries it is far more complex. Here is the story of how this library purchased an e-audiobook on *cloudLibrary*.

Through the county library system's contract with *cloudLibrary* we have our own login and access to purchase items. We believed that libraries were "sleeping on" an e-audiobook that had been published in March but that no one had yet purchased, and that it would be in high-demand by our Umatilla patrons if it were available.

This library purchased the digital audiobook, "Breaking Free from Broke," for \$26.99 on a **perpetual** model.

This means that, unlike some bestsellers, we are able to own the digital rights to this item forever, not just for 12 or 24 months. This is a one user item, not simultaneous, which means only one patron can have it checked-out at a time.

### **Behind the Scenes: Digital Media**

Once purchased the title was immediately checked-out.

Numerous holds were placed within the next week and three other copies were purchased, by other libraries, to fill the requests.

The detail to the right shows that as of August 2, 2024, there are still 9 holds in the system on this title.

The holds ratio is now 4.5. We use this number to determine patron demand.

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The vendor billed the library for \$26.99 and it was paid out of our city book budget.

If you enjoy digital content and would like to know how to help us buy more of it, we humbly suggest starting a memorial fund for e-book and/or e-audiobooks.

