



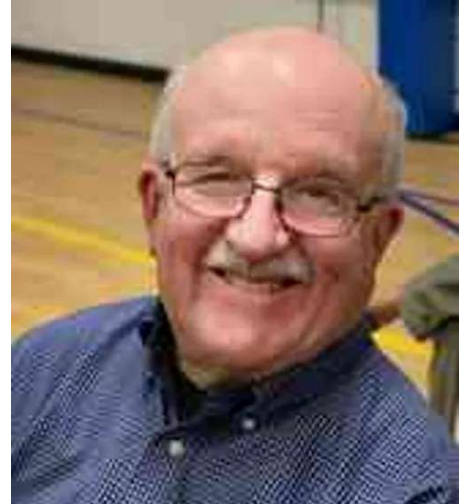
Remembering Ray Pardo

On September 24, 2025, Ray Pardo died after a long fight with cancer. Ray was the long-time editor of this newsletter and chairman of the committee for the Manchester Salmon Bake fundraiser (held annually on Father's Day) for 18 years.

John Winslow, Friends of Manchester Library secretary, has this remembrance of Ray (with a few additions from Ray's wife, Yolanda).

Key FOML volunteer passes away in September

In 2003, Ray and Yoli Pardo were looking for a new home in a community



Kitsap Sun

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/obituaries/pbks1304332>



Salmon Bake, June 22, 2010. Courtesy Thomas T. Uemoto

with a good Chinese restaurant and a movie theater. But the main criteria was a home close to a library. They found that in Manchester.

I first met Ray and Yoli at a local sandwich shop shortly after they arrived in the area and welcomed them to our great little community. Over soup and sandwiches; we spoke about all the local many charms of the Manchester area and specifically about the virtues of volunteering with the Friends of the Manchester library (FOML). *Continued on page 2*

Manchester Current Events Calendar

Key: **Library**, **FOML**, **FOML Board**, **Community**

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| NOW! Enter Holiday Lighting Contest | Dec 7 Tree Lighting & Holiday Sing-Along |
| Nov 17 Dungeons & Dragons (For ages 13-18) | Holiday Lighting Contest winner announced |
| Nov 17 Manchester Book Group
reviewing Love & Saffron by Kim Fay | Dec 10 Holiday Craft and a Movie |
| Nov 26 Library closes at 5 pm | Dec 13 FOML Annual Holiday Booksale |
| Nov 27 Library is closed for Thanksgiving | Dec 13 PO Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade |
| Nov 28 Native American Heritage Day | Dec 18 Dungeons & Dragons (For ages 13-18) |
| Dec 1 Last day to enter Holiday Lighting Contest | Dec 15 Manchester Book Group
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig |
| Dec 3 FOML Board Meeting (7:00-8:15 pm) | |

Check manchesterwa.org & [KRL Manchester Library \(https://www.krl.org/locations/8/\)](https://www.krl.org/locations/8/)

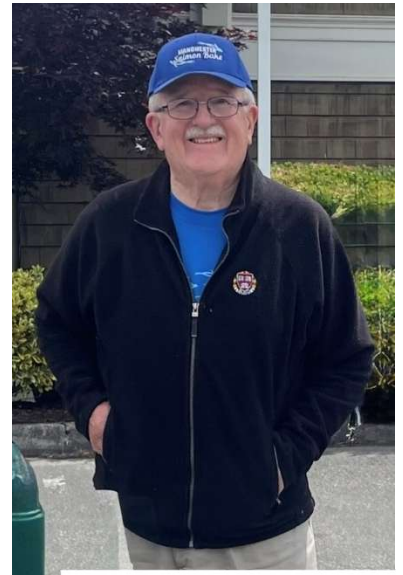
for more events, including lots of events for kids

Remembering Ray Pardo, continued

A voracious reader, Ray put his heart into the library and took full advantage of all the services the library provides to the community. Being a real people person, Ray quickly became a favorite patron with all the staff.

In 2006, Ray became a regular volunteer and soon agreed to be the Vice President of the FOML Board. Ray served as an elected officer for nine years. One of his passions quickly revealed itself at the annual Salmon Bake. Ray and Yoli helped in a number of roles before Ray agreed to become the Chairman of the entire event. He filled this role for 16 years and was instrumental to its success. Ray was not only the Chairman of the event, but he spent countless hours each year working with local businesses to drum-up donations. He also engaged just about anyone who would listen to his explanation about the importance of the Salmon Bake. He was a Public Relations “machine”!

As if Ray didn’t have enough to do, in 2010 he volunteered to become the editor of the FOML newsletter with 8-10 two-page editions delivered each year and later took on the role of website editor as well. Since joining the FOML, Ray has volunteered thousands of hours to our community. Ray loved everything about the Manchester Library. He will be sorely missed by all who ever met him!



2023. Courtesy Kathleen Wilson



Ray and his “Pit Crew” in 2012.

Photo courtesy Thomas T. Uemoto.

From the Editor. Let me Introduce myself: I’m MaryMargaret Cromarty, stepping into some really big shoes. Please let me know what you’d like to see in this newsletter, including announcements and events:

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MANCHESTER COMMUNITY

TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

at qa'qad Stormwater Park ★

Featuring

The Manchester Elementary Choir
holiday carols, hot cider & cookies, the
Holiday Lights Winners, and a visit
from... **Santa!**



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Association

DEC. 7 5 PM



ENTER TO WIN BY DEC 1st

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\$250 first place \$150 second place \$100 third place

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Manchester Tree Lighting Ceremony



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