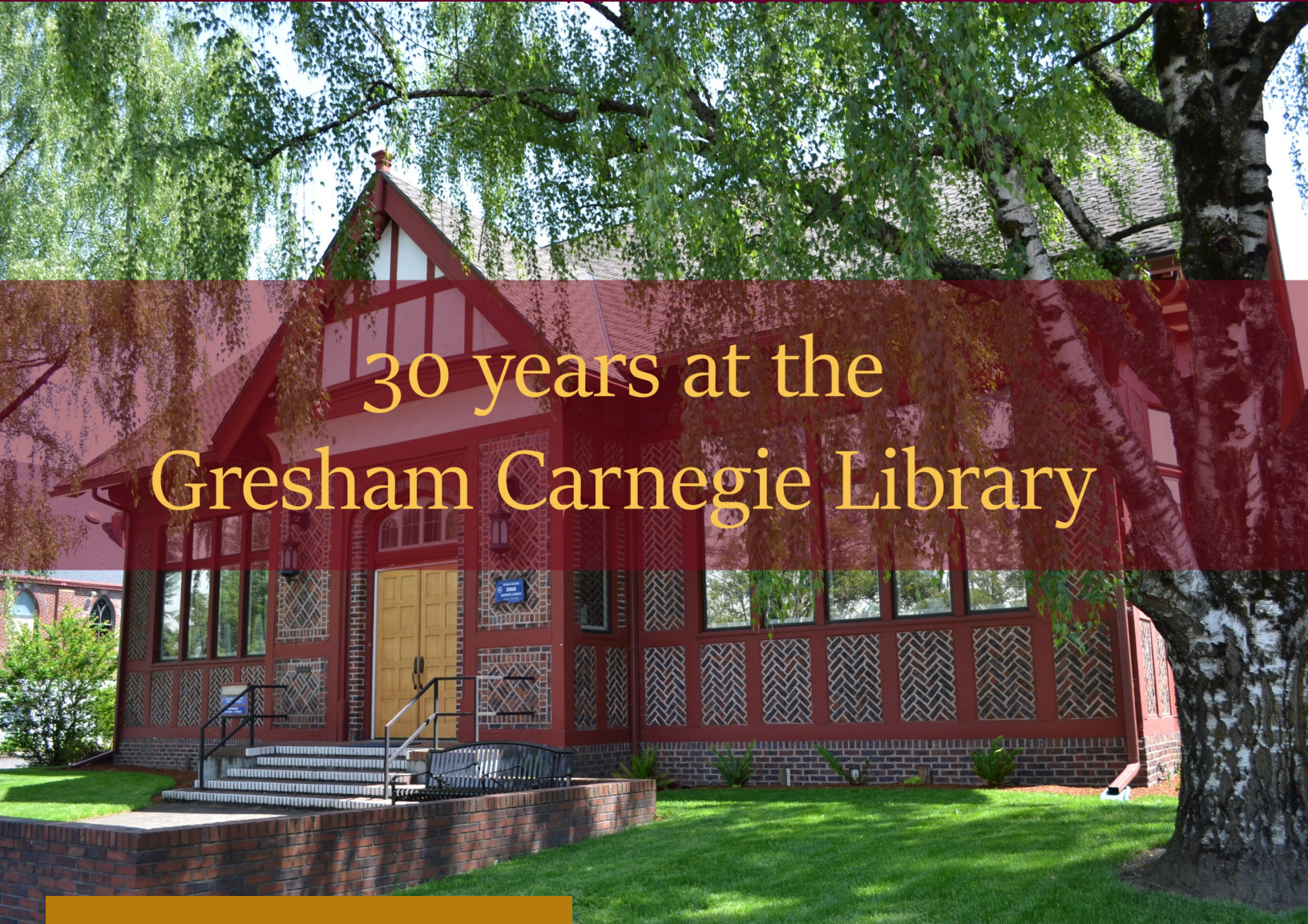


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Letter from the Director

Hello valued Members & Supporters,

This summer marks the 30th year that the Gresham Historical Society has been the steward of the historic Gresham Carnegie Library building, and we are celebrating this anniversary in a variety of ways!

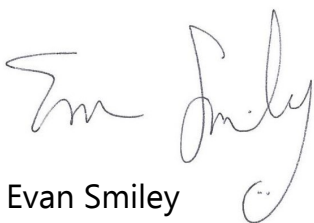
We just opened a new exhibition on the history of the Gresham library, from its first appearance as a reading room in the back of the post office in 1903 to the construction of the Carnegie Library in 1913 to its relocation to the current library building in 1989 and the restoration of the Carnegie Library building in 1990 that placed it on the National Register of Historic Places. See pages 8 and 9!

We are also giving the Carnegie Library building some long-awaited TLC. We are working to repair a major crack in the building's foundation. The project has been funded through your generous contributions and a grant by the Oregon Heritage Commission, see page 7 for more information.

In addition to these exciting projects, the Gresham Historical Society is proud to give you first notice of the events we have lined up this season! Check out page 5 for more information, and remember to mark your calendar!

Thank you again for your continued support of Gresham history! We hope to see you at the museum soon.

Sincerely,



Evan Smiley
Museum Director

The Gresham Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization that manages the Gresham Historical Museum and special collections library and archive, located in the historic Carnegie Library building in Historic Downtown Gresham.

Founded in 1976 and funded through donations from the community, the Gresham Historical Society was run exclusively by volunteers for the majority of its history.

In 2010, Multnomah County voters passed a property tax levy to support local history. Those levy funds pay for exhibitions and for us to have a full-time staff member which helps keep us free and open to the public.

Our mission is to collect, preserve, and share our local history.

Hours of operation

Wednesday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Friday 2 p.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Sunday 12 p.m.–4 p.m.

Closed Monday & Tuesday



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Volunteer Opportunities

The Gresham Historical Society relies on dedicated volunteers for most of our daily operations. Are you interested in joining the team? Fill out the Volunteer Enrollment Form, or contact the museum at (503)661-0347 or info@greshamhistorical.org

Research Assistants

Research Assistants help guests and researchers find answers to the questions they have!

Our Research Assistants should be comfortable navigating different computer programs, assisting others in using technologies they may not be familiar with, and communicating through email. Academic research experience or library work experience is preferred but not required.

Research Assistants will participate in a research training and be scheduled on-call, as available, as research requests and appointments are made.

Docents

Docents greet visitors during our open hours and sometimes work on small tasks out in the main room. These volunteers will familiarize themselves with the current exhibits and some basic facts about the museum and Gresham history, but no special qualifications are necessary.

We encourage anyone with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for history to apply. Two to six hours per month can make a huge difference!

Collection Assistants

Collection Assistants will help the Museum Director in the stewardship and care of the artifact collection. Collection assistants should be comfortable using computers, including MS Excel, and caring up to 20 pounds while climbing stairs.

Volunteer Enrollment Form

Name

Street address

City, State, Zip

Home/Cell Phone

Work /Cell Phone

Email address

Skills & Abilities

Social

☐ I enjoy making conversation with others.

☐ I enjoy working on a team.

☐ I enjoy working independently.

☐ Other: _____

Technology

☐ I am comfortable using a computer, or willing to learn computer skills.

☐ I am comfortable using a telephone .

☐ I can type or have experience with data entry.

☐ I can use a scanner, copier, and printer, or am willing to learn how.

Physical

☐ I am comfortable going up and down stairs.

☐ I am comfortable using a ladder.

☐ I prefer sedentary work.

☐ I can lift up to 20 pounds.

Availability (Check all that apply)

Day	SUN	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AM					
PM					

Event Calendar

Pioneer Cemetery Tour

Saturday September 21 at 10AM

Meet us under the arch by Springwater Corridor in Main City Park for our last cemetery tour of the season! To help us keep our services free to the public, we suggest a \$2 donation!

Safe Trick-or-Treat

Thursday, October 31 at 4PM

Come haunt the streets of Historic Downtown Gresham and stop by the museum for a sweet treat!

First Family Statue Unveiling

Fall 2019

Gresham Outdoor Public Arts is commissioning a historical statue of Gresham's first mayor Lewis Shattuck and his family. The bronze statue will be made by local sculpture Heather Soderberg. GOPA will gift the statue to the museum during an unveiling ceremony. Keep an eye out for more details!

Photos with Santa

November 30, December 7 and 14

Snap a photo with the jolly elf himself! More details

Closure Notices

First Sundays of Each Month

In order to fulfill the requirements of our grant projects, the museum will be closing the first Sunday of each month until May 2020.

Labor Day Weekend

August 31-September 2

Thanksgiving

November 28-29

Winter Closure

December 22-February 15

Rent the museum!

The Gresham Historical Museum is the perfect venue for business and personal events!

Built in 1913, the Gresham Carnegie Library is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been acclaimed as one of the finest examples of Tudor architecture in the Portland Metropolitan area.

Standard pricing by attendance*

1-25 guests	\$125
26-45 guests	\$225
45-75 guests	\$375
76-100 guests	\$500

*For first 3 hours. Additional fees may apply for longer rentals, or if the event takes place during museum operation hours.

Flexible rates for members!

Remember to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates on events and programs!

We are celebrating!

The Gresham Historical Society is celebrating 30 years in the 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library. With five community partners, support from the City of Gresham, hundreds of volunteer hours, and your generous contributions, we are continuing to collect, preserve, and share our local history.

On the next three pages, you'll read about the different projects we've done or are working on to make the most out of this 30-year anniversary.

GOPA Gives Big to Local History

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The bronze statue will be created by local sculpture Heather Soderberg. GOPA will gift the statue to the museum during an unveiling ceremony in November. The statue will be accompanied by a small exhibition about the Shattuck family and Gresham's first year as an incorporated city of Oregon.

Lewis Shattuck is highlighted in the picture to the right featuring the Shattuck and Sleret families.



Join the Celebration!

Want to help make our 30th anniversary in the 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library special?

Please consider volunteering by filling out the volunteer form on page 4, or consider a monetary or in-kind donation. See page 10! Your generous contributions of time, dollars, and patronage help make history happen!

Thank you!

The Gresham Historical Society would like to thank all of our donors who have contributed to this years restoration of the 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library. We received over 40 individual contributions for our restoration efforts. If you would like to donate to the preservation of the 1913 Carnegie Library or to the preservation of the museum artifact collection, please see Page 10!

New Grant Funded Projects

The Gresham Historical Society is proud to announce to its membership that we have received not one but *two* grants this year from the Oregon Heritage Commission!

The Oregon Museum Grant for \$8,000 will go towards improving our collection storage. After the project is completed, our collection

storage will be temperature controlled with new shelving and boxes that fit our needs. A temperature-controlled environment mitigates the risk of mold, which breaks down objects over time. A temperature-controlled environment also prevents the nature warping, expanding, and shrinking of certain objects, such as wooden objects, that occurs with changes in temperature and humidity. New archival quality boxes and packing materials will ensure that our artifacts stay safe for years to come!

The second grant is the Preserving Oregon Grant for \$4,500 which will go towards repairing a 2-foot crack in the foundation of the Historic 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library. This project is also funded by \$3,800 in donations from museum guests, Gresham residents, and you, our dedicated membership. For a full list of contributors, please see page 11. These grant projects wouldn't be possible without the support of our community and volunteers! Thank you for your support and contributions!

We would like to give a special thanks to Mayor Bemis and the City of Gresham Historic Resources Sub-Committee for their formal support of our restoration project. We would also like to thank our grant project community partners: Cultural Homestay International, KMO, Inc., Tsuru Island, and Portland State University Department of History.

If you would like to help further support these projects, please consider giving a monetary contribution to offset project expenditures, or contact the museum at info@greshamhistorical.org to discuss volunteer opportunities. For these projects, we need volunteers who are comfortable working with computers and who can lift up to 20 pounds while climbing stairs.



On Display

The First Reading Room

As Gresham grew into a town in the early 20th century, there were early efforts to establish library services. During this time, residents could get a library card from the local postmaster but had to travel to Portland to check out books. In 1903, a Multnomah County tax to pay for libraries went into effect. Led by several local school teachers, Gresham residents decided to take advantage of this opportunity. With money from the tax, a reading room was established in a backroom over the post office—located at the corner of Powell and Main—and was open three evenings a week.



Iona McColl was the first librarian in Gresham in 1903.

The first librarian of Gresham's library system was Iona Linnemann McColl. Gerard and Catherine Linnemann adopted baby Iona after her mother passed away. Iona married Gregory McColl. After eighteen years of marriage, Gregory passed away, and Iona was named the postmaster of Gresham.

Iona donated the first fifty books for the reading room and managed the issuing of library cards and the loaning of books in addition to her duties as postmaster. By the end of 1904, those fifty books had been circulated 567 times. By 1908, 400 books filled the reading room, and Gresham needed a permanent home for its reading room.

The Carnegie Library

In the early 20th century, industrialist Andrew Carnegie donated over \$50,000,000 to build libraries in English-speaking countries, designating \$105,000 for public libraries in Multnomah County. The conditions for having a Carnegie Library included that a community demonstrated the need for a library, provided a site, and created a "maintenance fund" for sustained operation of the library. To fulfill these requirements, Gresham citizens raised \$1,900 from community donations to purchase the property at the corner of Main Avenue and 4th Street from Mr. Ed Osborn and Mrs. J. H. Metzger in 1908.

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Due to the community's ability to raise funds for the library, Gresham chose the architect for the new building. Architect Folger Johnson of the Johnson & Mayer firm designed the building in the Tudor style with decorative brick exterior and leaded Colophon windows. Construction began in 1912, and the building was dedicated in March of 1913. The Gresham Carnegie Library building was the home of the Gresham branch library from 1913 to 1990.



30 Years at the Gresham Carnegie Library

Relocation

Although the building was modernized in 1961, the Gresham Branch of the Multnomah County Library system was one of the busiest libraries outside of Portland. Tax measures passed to provide new buildings and services.

The decision was made to put the new library in downtown Gresham at the corner of NW 3rd Street and Miller Avenue, just a block away from the 1913 Carnegie Library building. The City of Gresham broke ground on the new site on May 15, 1989.

By December 1989, the new building was finished and ready to receive the books and collections from the old library a block away. Some materials had already made the journey, but what would be the best way to move the remaining 14,000 books over a relatively short distance? The book brigade, a hand-to-hand movement of books from one building to the next, was the solution. Volunteers bundled and tagged books in preparation. Gresham librarian Jackie Dolan hoped the volunteer brigade would be able to move at least half of the books in two hours. She put a call out asking for 100-150 people to help move the books. On Saturday, December 30, 1989, police stopped traffic on Main and Miller Avenue for two hours as an estimated 500 volunteers formed a diagonal line across Main Avenue, down the alleyway, and across Miller Avenue to the new building. In less than two hours, all of the books were moved to the new location.



Restoration

In 1990, the Gresham Historical Society purchased the Gresham Carnegie Library building. Led by Pat Stone, the society began the largest restoration and rehabilitation project in the building's history. After a decade of community support and volunteer work, the Gresham Carnegie Library was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. The building now houses the Gresham Historical Museum, Research Archives, and Artifact Collection.



A volunteer recuts bricks of the Gresham Carnegie Library in 1990.

Visit the Gresham Historical Society to view
“30 Years at the Gresham Carnegie Library”
on display now!

How to Support the Museum

Gifts and contributions to the Gresham Historical Society support the continued preservation and sharing of our local history.

Monetary Contributions

Your unrestricted gift supports the daily operations of the Gresham Historical Society and the maintenance and preservation of the Historic 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library.

Planned Giving

Your unrestricted recurring gifts provide the predictable, ongoing support that allows the Gresham Historical Society to perform necessary financial planning.

Gifts in Memory or Tribute

Each year, the Gresham Historical Society receives gifts in memorial and tribute. Honor the life and achievements of those in your life through legacy giving.

Appreciated securities or stock

Charitable gifts of stock are a wonderful way to provide ongoing support for the Gresham Historical Society. Check with your tax adviser for details.

In-Kind Contributions

Needed non-monetary contributions help the Gresham Historical Society reduce its operational fund expenditures. Here is a list of items we currently need:

- ◆ (3) Black mouse pads
- ◆ (1) Black computer keyboard
- ◆ Forever stamps
- ◆ (1) small blue recycling bin
- ◆ White, multi-purpose copy paper
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Toilet paper
- ◆ Powder-free, nitrile gloves (Sizes M or L)
- ◆ Bottles of water for volunteers
- ◆ Air filters (Size 16"x25"x1")

Monetary Contribution Form

Name

Street address

City, State, Zip

Home/Cell Phone

Work /Cell Phone

Email address

If memorial gift, Name of honored person(s)

Payment information

☐ Check payable to the Gresham Historical

Would you like to enroll in Planned Giving?

☐ Yes, please charge my credit/debit card for a recurring donation of \$_____.

Frequency of Planned Giving (Check only one):

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Bi-monthly

☐ Annually

☐ No, please charge my credit/debit for a one-time donation of \$_____.

☐ American Express

☐ Discover

☐ Mastercard

☐ Visa

Card number

Exp. Date

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Signature

Thank you, Donors!

September 2018 — September 2019

This month we would like to give a special thank you to those who donated towards the Gresham Historical Society's preservation efforts. Donors with a  by their name contributed to the preservation of the 1913 Gresham Carnegie Library! If you would like to contribute, please complete the form on page 10.

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Patrons	\$100
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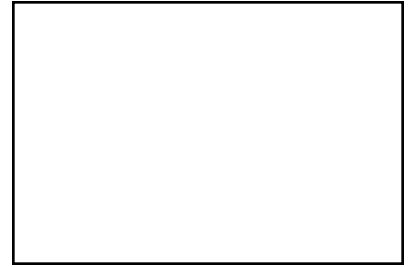
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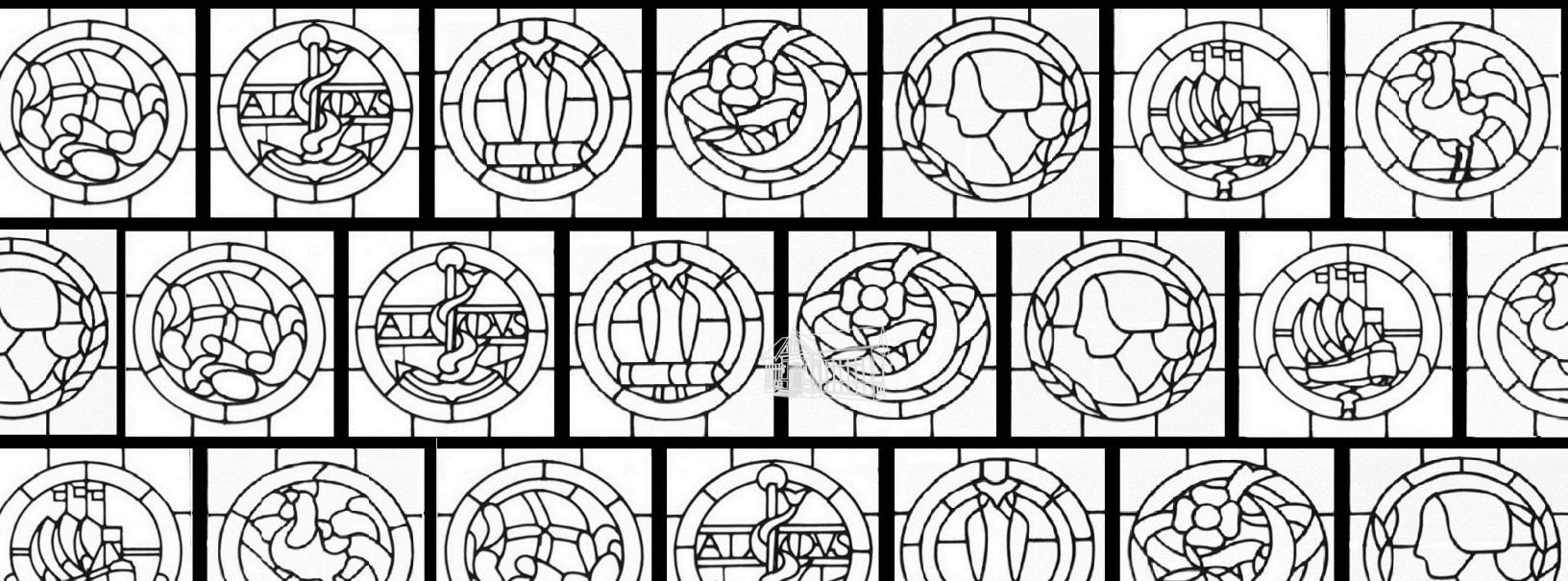


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