

SWEET HOME CITIZENS ACADEMY

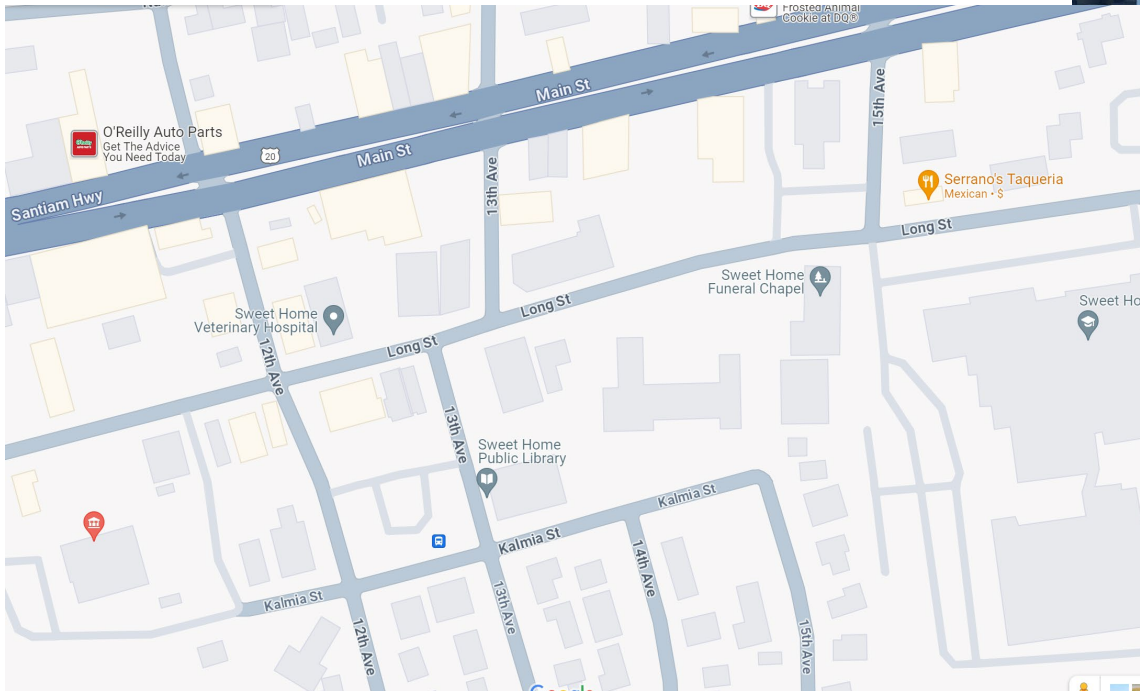
SWEET HOME PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Sweet Home Public Library

Where are we?

Corner of Kalmia and 13th since 1969



Funding or where does the money come from?

We operate on a 5 year Levy paid for by the citizens of Sweet Home. **\$507,000 per year**

We receive funding from the Friends of the Sweet Home Library that covers programs, activities & some collections. \$10,000

Grants, lots of grants. Local, state, and national grants. \$70,000+ in 2023/24

Donations!

Books, DVDs, Money, Seeds, Furniture, Craft Supplies, Program materials and more!



Governance and Standards State & City

- Public Libraries in Oregon must meet certain conditions, outlined in the Public Library Division Standards.
- This includes being overseen by a Library Advisory Board and Library staff who are responsible public officials and stewards.
- Library Director possesses a Master of Library Science.
- Paid staff present during all open hours.
- Budget at least 50% public funds
- Adhere to intellectual freedom rights in the Library, granted by the Bill of Rights and Article 1 of the Oregon Constitution
- Library Board oversees overall budget administration and makes recommendation to Budget Committee
- Library Board approves statistical report turned into State Library every year.
- Library Board develops and recommends long range planning with city, state, regional and national goals in mind
- Library Board participates in hiring of Library Director
- Library Board recommends site selection for new library building

https://www.sweethomeor.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/library_board/page/1341/library_board.pdf

<https://www.olaweb.org/assets/PLD/PLDStandards/PLD-Standards-2021update-FINAL-071921.pdf>

HOW BIG ARE WE?

Size

- 5757 square feet
- Built-in 1969
- 28,570 items
- 121,224 digital items (shared statewide)
- .57 square ft per citizen (*statewide average is .86 sq ft per capita*)

Staff

- 4.7 FTE
- 7 people (2 full time, 2 are shared positions with other Departments)
- 671.75 hours worked by volunteers in 2023

Open Hours

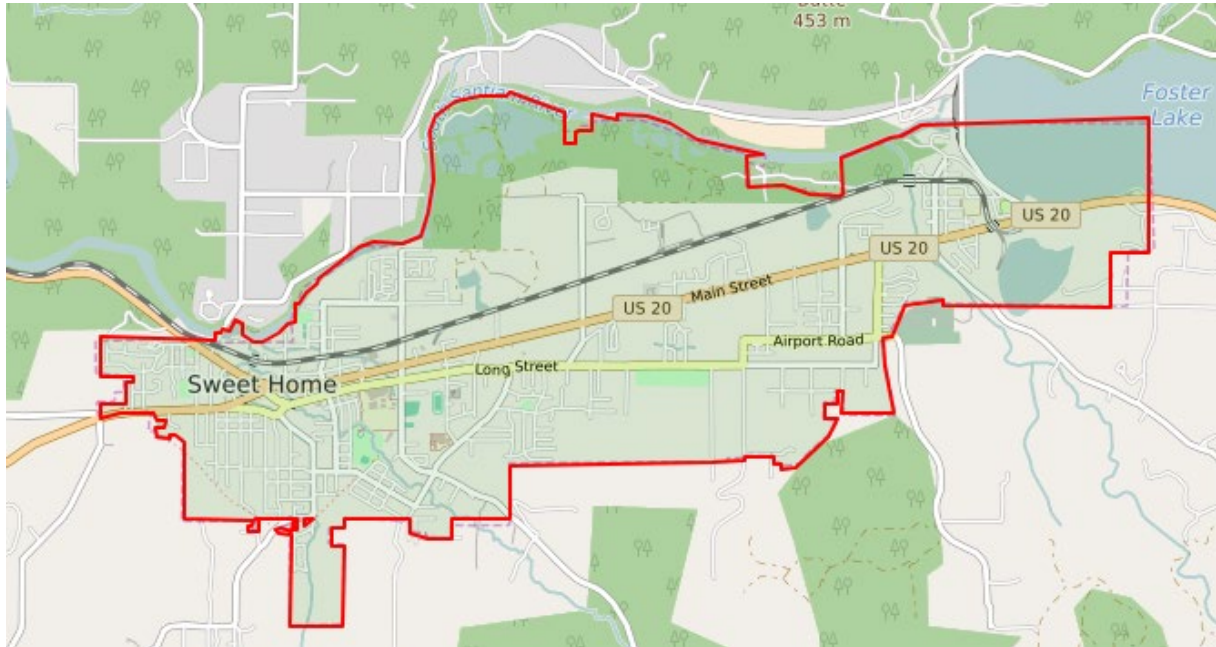
- 34 hours per week + programs before and after open hours (10+ hours per month outside of open hours)





Library Cards

- Everyone that lives in the City of Sweet Home
- Every kid enrolled in the Sweet Home School District, opt in (via an agreement with the SHSD)
- Everyone that has another library card in Oregon (via the State's Library Passport program)
- Anyone that wishes to pay the \$35 out of City Library Card fee (we accept installment payments)
- 2951 Active Library Cards in 2023 (must renew every year)
- 623 Brand New cardholders in 2023



What do we have?

Children's area with picture books, novels, easy readers, VOX books, Spanish books, audiobooks, board books, non-fiction

Teen area with fiction, non-fiction & graphic novels + large screen TV and Nintendo Switch

Adult area with Pacific Northwest Collection, fiction, non-fiction, mystery, western, and sci-fi books

DVD/Game/Puzzle area also with audiobooks, TV series on DVD, non-fiction DVDs, musical instruments



Resource Sharing

- We like to share our resources!
 - Albany Public Library
 - Lebanon Public Library
 - LBCC Library
 - Scio Public Library
 - Harrisburg Public Library
 - Sweet Home Public Library
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- Average 2500 items shared amongst libraries each month.
 - Saving each library from \$1000-\$10,000 every month in collection costs



What we do

- Books
- Movies
- Games
- Storytime
- Game Nights
- Creativity
- Literacy
- Art
- Health
- Resume help
- Computer skills
- Seeds/Gardens
- Dinosaurs
- Proctor University exams
- Social space
- Food security
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Summer Reading Program
- Community Outreach
- Community Reads (SH Book Group)
- Local Author support
- Free menstruation products
- Create friendships



Why we do what we do

Serve the needs of the Community

Increase Literacy rates in SH

Support economic growth

Access to technology

Social connections

Increase property values

Third space

Safe space for youth and marginalized community members

Job search assistance

Access to entertainment

Life long learning

Community engagement

Business support

Welcome new residents to Sweet Home

Friendships



PARTNERSHIPS

We need a little help from our friends!

We work with various organizations, non-profits, city entities, businesses in Sweet Home, Linn County, Oregon, across the US. Just a few are represented here.



State Library
of Oregon

**MUSEUM
OF NATURAL
AND CULTURAL
HISTORY**

ALA American
Library
Association



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GREATER SANTIAM
Serving Lebanon & Sweet Home



Our needs

- Functional building
- Dedicated age group areas for Children & Teens
- More Patron Computers
- Better ADA access
- Better connectivity
- Collection space
- Staff space
- Small group rooms for:
 - Job Interviews
 - Medical Appointments
 - Counseling Appointments
 - DHS Family Visits
 - School Tests
 - Sensory Needs
- Large group room for:
 - Storytimes
 - Events
 - Cooling/Warming Stations
 - Community Meetings/Gatherings
 - Emergencies in the Community
 - Group games



What's coming up?

- An average of one program every day
- More programming for teens and tweens
- Teen STEM programming
- All social events
- More programming for adults
- Additional open hours added in the Fall
- More grant applications
- More donations
- Vegetable lending library
- Community engagement
- Little Free Library placements at all schools
- More, more, more!



How to Volunteer

- Summer program volunteers
- Program prep
- Shelving
- Landscaping
- Processing books (covers, labels, etc.)
- Program presentations
- Friends of the Library



Do YOU have a library card?

I can get you a library card today!



Questions?

A question asked of the NYPL in 1947.

