

2015 Outstanding Volunteer Nominees



**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world;
indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.**

— Margaret Mead, anthropologist

Nominees in the Adult Category



Alan Feinstein - Alan has been indispensable as an Inter-Library Loan volunteer since 2013, doing a complicated and detail-oriented task that requires skilled attention. He also currently sits on the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee, assisting the library manager with on-going considerations. Before this retired software engineer took on his current assignments, he served as a Check-in Aide, Shelver, and Holds Retrieval volunteer, contributing over 1000 hours in 4 years.



Joan Hornburg – Joan’s outstanding strength as a volunteer is her attitude and her dedication. Joan has been volunteering as a Shelver in the Library twice weekly for nearly four years. Joan inspires others and works with new volunteers to share her Library knowledge and provide support. Joan’s elegant scarves and her good humor brighten the Library every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 8:00am sharp. Joan takes on new challenges, encourages and leads other volunteers by her example of efficiency, grace and reliability.

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The Hanging Garden Passion
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Outstanding Volunteers!**

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Outstanding Lifetime Achievement



Thea Wood - As a 10+ year veteran volunteer, Thea comes to the Library every Sunday, rarely missing a shift and consistently delivering high-quality work with a helpful attitude. Thea has served on the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee (TLAC) since 2009; she also served on the ad hoc citizen committee for the Library’s renovation/ expansion in 2004. On TLAC, Thea combines her long affiliation with the Library with her familiarity of the community (serving as Midwest CIO Treasurer) to give a valuable perspective. Thea has been a volunteer in the Library since 1999 (17 years!) and has given more than 100 hours per year on average.

Group Category Nominee

Tualatin High School Key Club

When Tualatin High School Key Club members volunteer they bring positive energy, a spirit of generosity and service, and an unflagging commitment to the task at hand. Whether it’s helping the Friends of the Library, dusting shelves, showing children how to find a book, or planting trees they exemplify leadership and inspire others. It is always a pleasure when Key Club shows up because the job will be completed and it will be fun. Key Club officers ensure that their members know about all projects in the community and collaborate professionally and efficiently with Volunteer Services. The results are exceptional, as Key Club members support every volunteer program in the City.



Nominees in the Adult Category



Randy Ito - Randy volunteers in the Tualatin Police Department in the electronic fingerprinting program. The 146 hours Randy served in 2015 generated \$7,225 in revenue and provided a service to the general public. Randy graciously accommodates the schedules of citizens in need of this service, gives them expert care and makes them feel welcome. Randy is reliable, professional, engaging and generous with his time.

“We are honored to have him as part of the Tualatin Police Department team.” Chief Kent Barker



Kate Lanman – Kate has responded very generously to our community’s need for technical assistance, serving over 100 hours in 2015 as a Tech Tutor in the Library. Since 2011. Kate also volunteers in the Juanita Pohl Center as Guest Services Team member twice weekly. In her role as Tech Tutor, Kate offered ideas that helped the Library to revise and improve the registration process for Tutor appointments, thereby increasing the overall effectiveness of the program. Kate is a volunteer whose service has an immediate, direct and positive effect on how Tualatin residents understand and use technology.

Nominees in the Youth Category



Emily Carl— Emily has improved our community by filling a leadership role in the PDRT program. As an Administrative Intern, Emily acted as a City representative, professionally and efficiently assisting volunteers in the check in process and in the planting procedures. Emily has helped volunteers plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs along all of the major streams in Tualatin. Emily’s service in the TEAM Tualatin program has contributed to well maintained City assets, green spaces and stream, forest, and citizen health . Emily has been volunteering in Tualatin since 2012 and has served 212 hours.



Gisselle Franco Correa— Gisselle began her volunteer service as a Shelver in the Library when she was 11 years old. Gisselle arrives at 10:00am on Saturdays and works independently, demonstrating a high level of accuracy and efficiency at her task. Gisselle has shown leadership by providing guidance to other young volunteers in our newest program, *Tween TakeOver*. Gisselle sets an example of service to her peers, and shares her knowledge and enthusiasm for volunteering with other young people. Gisselle’s commitment has steadily increased with the number of hours served (145) over the last 17 months.

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Azucena Javier— Azucena has been volunteering in Tualatin since 2013 and has served 164 hours. Azucena has planted trees and shrubs on every stream in Tualatin, improving stream health and forest diversity. She has fought dust bunnies in the library, painted fire hydrants, washed city vehicles, set up community events and contributed to the maintenance of city assets. Azucena has consistently asked her peer group to volunteer at City events and she has recruited her family, friends, fellow students and teachers to join her in City green spaces and facilities to make a difference in our community.



Angel Ramirez— Since joining the Summer Teen program in 2014, Angel has earned the title of Teen Room Ambassador by his welcoming presence to other teens, and by inspiring his peers to volunteer. As a member of the Teen Library Committee, Angel advocated for new ideas, and created new programs. Angel has assisted with Summer reading sign-ups, teen programs and family programs, developing skills for planning and delegating tasks and seeing the big picture view of teen services and libraries. Angel can be counted on to show up early, work hard, and stay late, all with a smile on his face.