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“From the Bookmobile to regency romance, discovering the library”
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Ken Harvey:	00:00	In this episode, we spend time with our team of podcast hosts, including our newest team member, Jessica Russel, assistant director for collection services, for some lighthearted discussion on seasonal celebrations. We're also going to talk about some titles we're reading, watching or listening to, and a few other things worth knowing all that and more coming up next.
Ken Harvey:	00:30	Welcome to season two and episode 47 of Check It Out, the Sno-Isle Libraries podcast for lifelong learners with inquiring minds.
Speaker 1:	00:38	The views and opinions expressed on this podcast may not necessarily reflect the official position of Sno-Isle Libraries.
Ken Harvey:	00:46	I would like to welcome the audience to this episode of Check It Out podcast. This specific episode we like to title, I did not know that. Well, I didn't know. So we call it here in the studio, the IDK episode.
Jim Hills:	01:02	We promise that we won't go on and on with all the things that we don't know, but just the highlights of what we don't know.
Ken Harvey:	01:09	Yeah, so I didn't know. Well, maybe I want to make sure that no one else says. I didn't know that that was Ken Harvey speaking. So I'm Ken Harvey.
Jim Hills:	01:16	I'm Jim Hills.
Paul Pitkin:	01:17	Hi, Paul Pitkin.
Jessica Russell:	01:18	I'm Jessica Russell.
Ken Harvey:	01:19	Yes. And we are delighted to invite Jessica Russell to be one of our new host team members, and you're going to hear her voice regularly on our episodes going forward. We're going to be inviting her in to bring her delightful banter, add her delightful banter to our group.

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Jessica Russell: 01:37 Well, thank you so much, Ken.

Jim Hills: 01:38 See.

Paul Pitkin: 01:39 We need some delightful banter.

Ken Harvey: 01:41 Yes we do. Hey, and we are just delighted that you're out there listening to us. We are, here in the Check It Out podcast studio nestled deep within the, I'm not going to say bowels, but deep within the building.

Jessica Russell: 01:59 In the heart of the service center.

Ken Harvey: 02:04 Okay, yes. Let's use heart.

Paul Pitkin: 02:08 [crosstalk 00:02:08] All together.

Ken Harvey: 02:09 [inaudible 00:02:09] In the service center for all libraries. If you've not been to this building, it's a, it's a very unique building. We call it the service center because it actually serves as a major distribution node for the distribution of all the different library materials within the Sno-Isle Libraries collection and it also happens to house our back end offices, which are essentially the departments that help the organization run to support the work that happens out in the community libraries.

Jim Hills: 02:46 The fun part I think is that the service center does all of this stuff for the libraries. Yet it isn't really a library. We have a lot of books here, but they don't stay here long because they go out to the libraries.

Jessica Russell: 02:58 We don't have nearly the number of books here that you would think because the collection services and circulation staff are so incredibly fantastic that books just sort of briefly reside here before they continue winging their way out to the community libraries.

Ken Harvey: 03:15 And that is one of the wonderful stories about what happens in this building and the incredible services that happened behind the scenes that helps to deliver really wonderful physical items, making them available to customers everywhere but also enables the digital collection and the digital services and resources that we offer.

Paul Pitkin: 03:40 Another thing that happens in this building is people walking around looking completely lost because they are. Ken, you

would know this isn't this building been added on to like three times?

Ken Harvey: 03:51 Yes. This building is not quite the Winchester mystery mansion, but it has grown over time. But thankfully there are no staircases that lead to nowhere or you know, false walls, you know with passages behind them that lead down into subterranean chambers or anything like that.

Jim Hills: 04:12 As far as we know.

Jessica Russell: 04:13 It's enough of a labyrinth though that I think that people are completely used to the seeing me stride very purposefully, off in some direction and then watching me abruptly turn around and come back the other way because I did not remember where I was going. I ended up in the lobby on the way over here and I was like, where am I? Where was I going?

Paul Pitkin: 04:32 It was very common. The thing you see a lot is people walking around and trying to act like they're not lost because they don't want to look stupid. So they're walking around, but you can tell they don't know where they're going and you don't want to say like are you lost? Because obviously they don't want any help at that moment even though they're lost. That would actually be me.

Jessica Russell: 04:50 I do, that's how you make friends.

Paul Pitkin: 04:52 Oh, okay. Well I just try to, you know, keep up my space.

Jessica Russell: 04:57 Well, something that people may not know as well is that out of this location we also have an organization that that is separate from Sno-Isle Libraries operating and that's the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

Paul Pitkin: 05:12 Oh, what's that?

Ken Harvey: 05:14 That is the organization that you are executive director of.

Paul Pitkin: 05:17 That foundation. Yes. We actually have our office here, me and Jennifer, and it's great because we work so much with the library district about about several different areas. Also just for me to know what's going on and what the library needs and what the challenges are. So we're really glad to be housed here along with all of you.

Ken Harvey: 05:36 So before we get into some of the other things that we're going to talk about in this shorter than usual segment or shorter than usual episode is let's talk a little bit about some of the fun or wacky holidays or maybe just memorable holidays that may be happening.

Ken Harvey: 05:55 So this episode is going to run in the, in the last half of maybe the last week or two of October. So we're looking at, I'm getting a head shake. What does the head shake mean?

Jim Hills: 06:07 Probably November.

Ken Harvey: 06:10 Okay, well then that's a correction from what my, from what my producer told me. So, so let's talk about what's happening in November that that someone somewhere will be celebrating. I've got a list here of some holidays and I'm actually going to hand some of these out to share with the team and I'm going to just kind of start off and say that one of the things that

Paul Pitkin: 06:38 Peanut butter fudge day.

Ken Harvey: 06:39 Okay, What day is that? He says excitingly.

Paul Pitkin: 06:43 November 20th. I'm already excited.

Jessica Russell: 06:45 Petroleum day makes me homesick for Houston.

Ken Harvey: 06:48 Does it?

Jessica Russell: 06:50 Home of many oil and gas companies.

Ken Harvey: 06:52 Yes. But it smells much better.

Jessica Russell: 06:54 It smells much better here in the Pacific Northwest.

Ken Harvey: 06:59 Yes it does. You know on the first day of November there is world vegan day. And that goes along right along with deep fried clams day. Same day.

Jessica Russell: 07:10 A little bit of tension between the vegan and the clams.

Ken Harvey: 07:14 Yeah, probably not the same person partaking a both.

Jim Hills: 07:17 Yeah. But that's, that's what makes family get together so much fun.

Paul Pitkin: 07:21 What is a craft jerky? Cause there is a craft jerky day. Anybody know?

Jessica Russell: 07:26 Is that like craft beer? Are we so fancy that we have crafted jerky versus regular old jerky? [crosstalk 00:07:43].

Paul Pitkin: 07:33 I think you might be right. I bet you there's, yeah, you have to have craft jerky. I had no idea that existed. [crosstalk 00:07:49].

Jessica Russell: 07:41 It's very precious jerky.

Ken Harvey: 07:42 [crosstalk 00:07:42] People brewing their own jerky there. I know some jerky gourmet cooks.

Jessica Russell: 07:46 Enthusiasts.

Ken Harvey: 07:46 Yes, and they do their own. Hey, I've got one here called a use your common sense day coming up on November 4th.

Jim Hills: 07:55 [crosstalk 00:07:55] just that day,

Ken Harvey: 07:57 [inaudible 00:07:57] Probably be all month long or all year long, right?

Paul Pitkin: 08:00 Yeah. I also like November 19th have to have a bad day-day. I think that's lovely.

Jim Hills: 08:05 That's a good one. Yeah. This isn't really a weird day, but we should remind folks that November 3rd daylight savings time ends.

Jessica Russell: 08:15 I've heard all the daylight leads.

Jim Hills: 08:17 So let's take a quick poll here on the panel. Who wants daylight savings time all the time? Or never? I mean like what would we want to do? Then there's this push to either implement it all the time or [inaudible 00:08:28]

Jessica Russell: 08:27 I think all the time that we should always have it because I really do not like coming to work in the dark and then going home in the dark.

Jim Hills: 08:35 There you go.

Paul Pitkin: 08:36 I'm a never.

Jim Hills: 08:37 There's a one. [inaudible 00:08:47].

Paul Pitkin: 08:39 I've, never, I actually like darkness.

Ken Harvey: 08:44 Hello? Darkness my old friend. [crosstalk 00:08:46]

Paul Pitkin: 08:46 Yeah. I like darkness and in the summertime there's a certain point where it just gets ridiculous where it's like, you know, I like to sleep. I don't like the sun beating into my room at 4:30 in the morning,

Jessica Russell: 08:57 But it's such beautiful light here. It's so soft. If you ever want to feel like a bug under a magnifying glass, you want to go south, Texas. You just feel like you're slowly being roasted alive here. I just, I'm like ah, it's delightful.

Paul Pitkin: 09:14 Yeah. Sometimes it's soft and sometimes it's like a piercing laser beam. And the other thing is, you know, there's actually, there's been studies that show that when you, you know, when it's light all the time, you don't sleep as well cause it's just constantly [inaudible 00:09:33].

Jim Hills: 09:28 But you can party [inaudible 00:09:34].

Paul Pitkin: 09:29 Well there's that Jim, I'm glad you brought that up.

Jessica Russell: 09:32 I have thermal curtains.

Jim Hills: 09:34 So if I had to choose, I would choose. If I had my druthers, I'd keep both because I like the weirdness of the change. I like the, all of that history that goes with it. But I would just had to choose one. I would choose daylight savings time cause I love summer nights when it's light until 9:30, maybe 10 o'clock so you know on [inaudible 00:09:53] that's just great. I love that stuff.

Ken Harvey: 09:56 Well if you have an opinion about that, we would love to hear from you at Check It Out at Sno-Isle Libraries. So CheckItOut@Sno-Isle.org. Let us know what your vote would be. Daylight savings time all the time or none of the time.

Ken Harvey: 10:14 So before we move off of completely get away from our fun, wacky, or worth remembering days, I just wanted to have us throw out a few more. So on my list here, I'm not going to tell you which day of the month these are, but I just want to throw these out. There is one, abet and aid punsters day. So help and assist individuals who tell puns. That's also followed by cook something bold and pungent day.

Jim Hills: 10:45 [crosstalk 00:10:45] But not in the office.

Ken Harvey: 10:47 Not in the office. Not in the office staff room microwave.

Paul Pitkin: 10:51 I guess that day you go and get your exotic cheeses before you start your cooking experiment.

Ken Harvey: 10:58 [crosstalk 00:10:58] There you go. There's a Shakespeare authorship mystery day. Which is interesting.

Jessica Russell: 11:03 Like it's a day for delving into the mysteries of Shakespeare.

Ken Harvey: 11:09 Your guess is as good as mine.

Paul Pitkin: 11:12 Anybody know what [inaudible 00:11:15] what does that [inaudible 00:00:11:32]. [inaudible 00:11:26].

Ken Harvey: 11:20 I think that's worth looking up.

Jessica Russell: 11:22 I have no idea what that is.

Jim Hills: 11:24 [crosstalk 00:11:24] Go to the reference stuff.

Paul Pitkin: 11:26 Is there any librarians around here? Cause I really want to find out what that is.

Ken Harvey: 11:30 Well there's also spicy guacamole day coming up.

Jessica Russell: 11:33 I am so there for that.

Ken Harvey: 11:35 And an international selfie day as if we need a date to celebrate that.

Paul Pitkin: 11:39 I'm against that holiday.

Ken Harvey: 11:40 And maybe I would end with the Bundt day.

Jessica Russell: 11:53 [crosstalk 00:11:53] It's eat cake day.

Ken Harvey: 11:54 Yes. But, is it bunt or [inaudible 00:11:57] ?

Paul Pitkin: 11:57 [crosstalk 00:11:57] Bundt sounds probably more accurate.

Ken Harvey: 12:01 I remember that from my favorite Greek wedding.

Jessica Russell: 12:04 There's a business called everything Bundt cake. Isn't that it? Everything but cake.

Jim Hills: 12:07 Yeah. Not that this is a pitch for that, over in Mill Creek. Everything But. Bundt.

Jessica Russell: 12:15 There we go.

Ken Harvey: 12:16 And then chicken soup for the soul day.

Jessica Russell: 12:19 Fantastic. [crosstalk 00:12:22] Favorite Sno-Isle library location for some chicken soup for the soul.

Ken Harvey: 12:26 That's right.

Paul Pitkin: 12:26 Perfect. I just got to, you know, bring up one rather contradictory day. November 29th is black Friday and it is also buy nothing day. Same day.

Ken Harvey: 12:36 Same day. [crosstalk 00:12:39] And I actually should for all the veterans out there, we just want to remember that we have on November 11th remembrance day, otherwise known as veterans day.

Ken Harvey: 12:49 Appreciate all the service of our, of our military and those in uniform and their families because they give too.

Paul Pitkin: 12:56 Thank you.

Jessica Russell: 12:57 Absolutely

Ken Harvey: 12:57 Hey we have this opportunity that I think is a great one. We want to take advantage of it with Jessica here with us to talk about maybe some things, some titles of things that we have been reading or listening to or watching because snore libraries offers all different formats.

Jessica Russell: 13:19 That's right.

Jim Hills: 13:20 So the thing that I love about Jessica and her job is that one of the most clicked on things on the website. Part of what I get to be responsible for is the website is what's new in the library and Jessica is responsible for getting the stuff that becomes new in the library.

Jessica Russell: 13:40 I have to be completely transparent and say that it is our amazing, wonderful collection development staff that are actually responsible for making all of those choices, but they do an absolutely wonderful job and they are working to have new fresh titles in front of our customers on a regular basis.

Ken Harvey: 13:59 So you mean it takes more than two hands to do all.

Jessica Russell: 14:01 It takes lots of hands, but you know that is, that is the way that we want to do it because we want to have multiple perspectives represented, multiple tastes and flavors and we want to have that in order to have the richest collection possible.

Paul Pitkin: 14:21 This is a perfect time for a foundation plug.

Jessica Russell: 14:26 Like I set it up and just,

Paul Pitkin: 14:27 Oh, thank you very much.

Jessica Russell: 14:27 You're so welcome.

Paul Pitkin: 14:29 It doesn't take much. We just had our, we had our fundraising event a couple of weeks ago with Tim Egan.

Jessica Russell: 14:35 He was fantastic.

Paul Pitkin: 14:37 He was really, really great and Jessica, you offered a bunch of his titles right around that, right around that time period.

Jessica Russell: 14:47 We did.

Paul Pitkin: 14:47 So people could read up all on all of his books and obviously everybody came really loves Tim Egan. He has a new book that by the time this airs, I believe will be in our collection. Is that true? If we are in November,

Jessica Russell: 14:59 yeah, we should absolutely.

Jim Hills: 15:03 [crosstalk 00:15:03] A pilgrimage to attorney.

Paul Pitkin: 15:04 It was a fascinating talk and it was all about Tim and his desire to sort of dig down into his faith, but also to dig down into the history of Christianity. And apparently this pilgrimage goes through all these old, it's almost like a history of Christianity that you travel through.

Ken Harvey: 15:22 So say the title, slowly.

Paul Pitkin: 15:24 A Pilgrimage to Eternity.

Jim Hills: 15:26 Correct.

Ken Harvey: 15:27 By Tim Egan.

Paul Pitkin: 15:29 I think, yeah, it will be out when [inaudible 00:15:37].

Jim Hills: 15:31 If you go to our website, and you search for Tim Egan, you're going to get a children's author so, you should search for Timothy Egan [crosstalk 00:15:37] .

Paul Pitkin: 15:37 Anyway, I thought it was just, I thought it was a very cool that our customers could end. The people that were going to be coming to our event could catch up on all the, you know, Egan titles they may have missed.

Jessica Russell: 15:50 That's right.

Ken Harvey: 15:51 Well, you know, that's, that's just a great reminder to me that that some of the titles, some of the materials that I, I have been reading, I've actually gotten off a of a shelf or an area that we have set aside here at Sno-Isle libraries for staff. That is where we can essentially have access to materials that we receive from [inaudible 00:16:26], from publishing houses that get to us. Sometimes before they get to the general public.

Jessica Russell: 16:22 Those are all, those are all advanced readers. Copies that you're pulling off the shelf over there.

Ken Harvey: 16:27 That term advanced reader copies means what?

Jessica Russell: 16:31 Those are the, those are the copies that the publishers sends out to librarians to key readers to members of the public. So that folks on the chance to read those books ahead of time and create buzz and support the actual launch of those items. We are really lucky at Sno-Isle, we get incredibly big boxes of those advanced readers copies on a really regular basis. In fact, there's one in my office right now that I haven't even opened

Ken Harvey: 17:02 I've just finished reading two of those actually just finished one during my lunch hour today because there were, I think 10 pages to go and I just couldn't go a full day before finishing that thing, that puppy off. It was called The Killing Tide, a really interesting story. It spoke to me because it, a part of the story involves individuals working, serving in the coast guard, United States coast guard. That was part of my background. It was a murder mystery and I think I've admitted before that I'm not really a murder mystery reader, but you know, hey, make something relevant to me and I'll pick it up and I'll read it. Actually it was, a good book.

Jessica Russell: 17:47 Isn't that the second murder mystery you Fred and the in recently

Ken Harvey: 17:52 I mentioned the other one too because we have a, we recently interviewed the author of this other book, Bernadette Pajer [crosstalk 00:18:00] so by the time you are hearing this episode, you hopefully have already heard her, the podcast interview with her. If you haven't heard that, go back to The Check It Out podcast webpage and look for it because she's very interesting and, and it was a good conversation with her. The name of her book that I read, is called The Spark of Death and a interesting read because it's a who done it that is set in around right around the year I think 1902 and on the university of Washington campus.

Jessica Russell: 18:39 When it was one building.

Ken Harvey: 18:40 when it was one building, actually it was university of Washington when most of the campus was it. This was before their current campus when they were located in downtown Seattle. So in the story, they're just getting ready to move to the new campus across Mount Lake. So excellent book. And it was promptly handed to another staff member who said she wanted to read it while she was on vacation. So I handed it off to her. Now I have to tell her to give it back to me because I promised it to my wife.

Jessica Russell: 19:16 Oh, wonderful.

Paul Pitkin: 19:18 Like vacation reading The Spark of Death.

Ken Harvey: 19:21 Yeah, the Spark of Death.

Jessica Russell: 19:23 It was really good. I confess that I didn't get the opportunity to finish. I actually passed it along to y'all so that you could have access, but I was very, eventually it's going to have to come back to me, but I was very caught and I'm as somebody who's new to this area, it was really rich in local history and I was really enjoying that aspect of it.

Ken Harvey: 19:40 Yeah. So any anyone listening or reading or, or watching something else that has caught your attention?

Jim Hills: 19:46 The thing that I always ask Jessica because it's kind of like, I'm not sure it's quite analogy analogous to a [inaudible 00:19:54] holiday, but you there's a person whose whole job is to pick from the world of literature. I'm so immersed in it all the time

overseas people who do that. And then what do you do on when you, I don't have anything to do. You read, you do that, you'd do more books, but so what do you read? And I, that's the interesting part.

- Jessica Russell: 20:15 So I, I picked based on a Twitter recommendation, actually a Regency romance called if the Duke demands by Anna Harrington because somebody had talked about, there's a tons and tons of Regency romances written. We're just, swimming and Dukes and rakes and the titled nobility of, the Regency era. Somebody had said that this was a book that really renewed their love of this time period and that it was just really joyful and enjoyable. And I downloaded it off of overdrive and paged through it really quickly and really enjoyed it and then have gone on to dip into a few of the other books in the series. Cause romances are almost always a series. So if you liked it, there's more to come.
- Jim Hills: 21:05 So you do, you prefer Overdrive downloads. What's your personal preference on.
- Jessica Russell: 21:12 I have become an almost exclusively digital reader and partly because I have read a lot of romance, but also just the ease of use, the instant gratification is really profound. If I'm in a real reading mood, I may go through a number of books and I can take my iPad everywhere with me and I don't have to try and cram a bag with all the books I could maybe read. I also have this habit on Twitter. I follow a bunch of really amazing people who recommend books and some of them are librarians and some are authors and some are publishers. I have this tendency to constantly buy things to read later. I buy a lot of digital books and save them up until I'm ready to engage.
- Paul Pitkin: 22:00 As somebody who's not an expert on romance, you said Regency romance. Now is Regency like a publisher or is it a time period?
- Jessica Russell: 22:09 It's a time period. It's the time of the, the Prince region in England.
- Paul Pitkin: 22:13 Oh, gotcha. Okay. [crosstalk 00:22:14] Regency publishing. It sounds very.
- Jessica Russell: 22:19 It sounds very well, and it's their romances. It's, there's often a lot of witty banter. If you've ever watched pride and prejudice, then you've gotten a good taste of like some of the hallmarks of a Regency romance.

Ken Harvey: 22:34 I Love, pride and prejudice.

Jessica Russell: 22:36 You would love Regency romances Ken, let me recommend some to you.

Jim Hills: 22:42 Do they murder people in those.

Jessica Russell: 22:43 Occasionally they do.

Ken Harvey: 22:46 So it can be romance and mystery.

Jessica Russell: 22:48 It can be a suspenseful romance.

Paul Pitkin: 22:48 It could be a costume, romance mystery.

Ken Harvey: 22:55 So if there was Regency romance, murder, science fiction.

Jessica Russell: 23:01 I'm pretty sure if we could yes.

Ken Harvey: 23:04 Would that be called steam punk?

Jessica Russell: 23:06 I think that's exactly, I was like, well, you're talking about steam punk there again.

Paul Pitkin: 23:09 Well, Jessica, why don't you rattle off some titles cause if somebody's listening and they're they like romance and Regency romance, you should just let us know some titles that are good.

Jessica Russell: 23:18 Way to put me on the spot there Paul. [crosstalk 00:23:35].

Paul Pitkin: 23:22 I thought you said you were about to tell some [inaudible].

Jessica Russell: 23:27 For steampunk I think that Cherie Priest is one of the authors that bubbles up in my brain but I do love some regencies and want to actually one of my favorite authors that has written some that are more diverse is KJ Charles, who's written some really amazing gay romances that are set in the Regency time period and they're really fantastic. She writes great chemistry, she has really engaging characters and one of the focuses of those books is what it was like to, to be gay at a time period where that was considered a crime.

Paul Pitkin: 24:05 That'd be very interesting. Yeah, they're fantastic

Ken Harvey: 24:07 I think this is an opportunity and we only have a few more minutes left, but there is an opportunity to just talk about. We

are moving into the holiday period and what should our listeners and customers maybe expect that they might see from within the library collection given the activity that's happening in your area.

- Jessica Russell: 24:35 So we are making sure that we are well supplied with fantastic holiday books so that as people head out on their winter holidays that they've got thematically appropriate books to read. Thematically appropriate. We just did a big a swing of replacements for our DVDs so that folks can enjoy some cozy home movies and DVDs. Oh we love DVDs. Sno-Isle, customers love DVDs and we love to provide them for them.
- Ken Harvey: 25:09 Great. What are we doing in terms of kind of music these days? I mean cause sometimes people are looking for holiday music or they can make them play at home if they're not streaming it in or?
- Jessica Russell: 25:21 They should head in to one of their favorite community library locations because we have just sent out our Halloween music. If you're looking for some spooky ghostly haunted house noises, we are here for you. About mid November we will start pushing out our holiday music, our winter holiday music for folks who want to come and check out a CD and take it home rather than stream.
- Ken Harvey: 25:51 So with episode we also want to make sure that we have an opportunity to share anything that we've learned or that we didn't know about something that Sno-Isle Libraries was doing or might be happening in our departments that we think is really notable that we'd love to share out. I just wanted to just draw some attention to a couple of things that are happening. Well, I'm going to start with one and that I'm just really glad about. I'm actually going to steal a little bit of Jim's thunder on this, which is, you know, we are always doing work on our website to kind of increase the level of experience and satisfaction that people have as they come online and, and check out what we have available or look for more as they're looking for more information. Jim and his team, are continuing to do work to make that a great experience.
- Jim Hills: 26:55 So you mentioned Halloween, so this is, this episode's likely to air after Halloween, but we have right now a Halloween page, so sno-isle.org/Halloween where all of those things that are Halloween. Of course community libraries have Halloween related events, have all kinds of events related to whatever is going on at the moment. As we were preparing the calendars for October in September, the sheer volume of stuff that was

happening at the community libraries, it was just overwhelming, we said. We actually just had the meeting in the hallway and said we got to do Halloween. Everybody came out of their offices [inaudible 00:27:41] yes, yes, yes. So, Halloween, and I'm sure that as we get into November and get it through the winter, we will have a winter activities. We had autumn adventures, we had summer adventures. I mean we're always trying to look at what's happening in the community, look at what's happening in our customer's lives intranet and trying to align what the library has available that resonates with where they are in their lives.

Jessica Russell: 28:06 And we've put together some really amazing, eBook, audio book lists for the Halloween portal, including one called Oh, The Horror. [crosstalk 00:28:16] You can indulge your horror reading and scare yourself into insomnia.

Paul Pitkin: 28:26 So there's going to be a bunch of events, it sounds like at some of the community libraries for Halloween.

Jim Hills: 28:30 Yes, [inaudible 00:28:41]. We have like two people out this afternoon covering that. [crosstalk 00:28:41].

Paul Pitkin: 28:36 Are we going to get some haunted libraries, at some point.

Jim Hills: 28:40 We have one or we had one. The Carnegie library [crosstalk 00:28:53].

Ken Harvey: 28:52 Well, anything else happening that you just want to make sure that people know about or the things that were surprises to you when you discovered them?

Paul Pitkin: 29:01 I've actually been, I know we've talked about a library on wheels several times, but I've been looking for some testimonials from people who've been served by library on wheels and it just once again, so impressed at what they, what the work they do is and how they reach all these people who otherwise could not get to a library and they curate titles for people. They come, they visit them, they bring the books to people, they talk to them about the books. It's an amazing service and I'm just, once again, just really impressed by the work that they do.

Jessica Russell: 29:37 It's like you read my mind because I was going to talk about, I got to a ride along on the bookmobile a couple of weeks ago and it was kind of amazing. I loved actually getting the chance to sit in the bookmobile and I had no idea that the like the front seats swivel around so then it becomes a little library desk and

the way that everything is nestled into its little nook in the bookmobile space is such a marvel of design. The thing that was really touching is what Paul was just talking about was the depth of knowledge that our staff have of their customers and it wasn't a really busy stop, but the customers that came through are obviously regulars and our staff know exactly what they're looking for and they were so happy to have the opportunity to have those library materials brought to where they are.

Jim Hills: 30:35 I had a similar experience during the summer and when I went to a stop in east Snohomish, southeast, Snohomish County and a group of a car pulled up and six kids and mom and, and milk crates piled out of this, this car and they were full of books and they were turning milk crates full of books [crosstalk 00:31:00] And then filling them up again and then away they go and then coming back at the next stop. That level of service is really fun.

Ken Harvey: 31:08 Well I just want to let the audience know that we have some tremendous interviews coming up in some future episodes of Check It Out and also want to invite you. As Paul mentioned with library on wheels, the foundation is always looking for testimonials of individuals or families who feel like they really benefit from library services, but especially in this case library on wheels services. You may have a customer story that you would love to share with us. Something, a memory or an interaction with a library staff that's really meaningful to you or time spent within the library or using our services online. We would love to hear from you and would certainly invite you to let us know about those things. You could get into contact with us at podcast.sno-isle.org. I think earlier I said check it out at Sno-Isle, but it should be podcast.sno-isle.org.

Ken Harvey: 32:19 We are also always looking for individuals to interview on this program. So if you know someone who's a community hero or an innovator and author of, you know you're publishing your own work or you've published something that's been picked up and is being read and distributed and red around the nation, let us know about that. We'd love to chat with you about your work and what got you started and, and we'd love to help you publicize your work. So any last thoughts before we end for the day?

Jim Hills: 32:58 November 15th is national recycle day.

Jessica Russell: 33:03 We bypassed Doctor Who day, which is very, very important.

Jim Hills: 33:07 Yeah, absolutely. I want to just give a quick shout out to our [inaudible 00:33:12] event sponsors EBSCO, OverDrive,

Brainfuse, and Baker and Taylor. Thank you all very much. You made that a wonderful event.

- Ken Harvey: 33:19 Yes, thank you very much and we really appreciate you listening to check it out. The podcast from Sno-Isle Libraries. Just want to remind you we've got a million plus items available in our collection and so if you're looking to learn more, whether for leisure or for school, if you're looking for help with homework, if you're just looking to a while away, some hours and entertain yourself, we've got more and more than you can imagine.
- Jessica Russell: 33:50 1.5 million, Ken.
- Ken Harvey: 33:51 1.5 million items just waiting for you. That's Sno-Isle libraries. Come and check it out.
- Speaker 2: 33:58 Your donation to the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation reaches across generation lines, helping prepare children for their first year of school and bringing reading materials to the elderly and home bound. A foundation gift provides seed funding for innovative library programs for potential entrepreneurs and small business owners, teenagers, new immigrants, and lifelong learners. Please consider a onetime gift becoming a monthly donor or establishing a Memorial gift to the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.
- Ken Harvey: 34:29 That's this week's episode of the Check It Out podcast. Don't forget to join us next week for another episode. Thanks for listening.