



OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to nurture the world through storytelling, reintroducing myths that will promote a strong sense of local community and global involvement.

This company endeavors to promote tolerance, love and compassion.

To inspire a sense of wonder in a child's face and to reinforce every human's uniqueness by encouraging the passions of a child that will carry him or her through adulthood with their precious talents intact.



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Please join our Facebook group **“Once Upon a Huckleberry Bush”**

Join us for
STORY TIME

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Tuesday, March 2

Friday, March 5

Tuesday, March 9

Friday, March 12

Tuesday, March 16

Friday, March 19

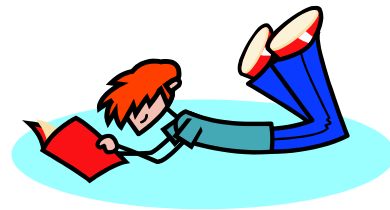
Tuesday, March 23

Friday, March 26

Tuesday, March 30

Story Time

We aim to please
2-5 year olds
at story time,
but children of all
ages are welcome.



Sale

**30% off all red-tag
items**

Come check out our
selection of
Easter Books



Once Upon a Huckleberry Bush would like to invite all teens ages thirteen and up to join our **Teen Book Club**. The group currently is raising funds for earthquake-ravaged Haiti. We also read and discuss one book per month. Books are chosen by club members.

**New members are always welcome!
Call or drop by to sign up. Next meeting is:**

**Saturday, March 6th
2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Last month the group read Genesis, by Bernard Beckett, which we will be discussing at the next meeting.

We're also collecting money for Doctors Without Borders to help Haiti. Please give!

BOOK CLUBS

Our Huckleberry Book clubs are rolling right along! We are well into our spring term, which lasts from February through April. We will take a summer break during the months of May through August. We'll gather again in the fall (September-October-November).

There is a \$20 participation fee for each term, and a limit of 8 participants per group.

Each group reads one book per month, and we meet twice a month for each book. The first meeting involves an activity to introduce the book, and the second meeting is a discussion of the book.

The 9 - 10 year old group will meet on Tuesdays, March 9 & 23, at 4:00 p.m. The 11 - 12 year old group will meet on Fridays, March 12 & 26, at 4:00 p.m. Each meeting is one hour long.

Give us a call at 604.876.4010 if you have questions.

9/10 Year Old Books

Aliens Ate My Homework by Bruce Coville (February)

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath (March)

STAR Academy by Edward Kay (April)

11/12 Year Old Books

Currently reading Eye of the Crow by Shane Peacock



Upcoming Events

Follow the Elephant by Beryl Young

Book Launch at Tilley's

2401 Granville Street

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 26 March

Join us as the author introduces us to a new adventure-packed novel about a thirteen-year-old boy's unlikely trek across India with his grandmother, in search of her long-lost pen pal. As they search for clues, Ben finds himself compelled to follow the elephant boy-god Ganesh. The journey is a challenging one; don't miss out!

New Store Hours!

**Beginning March 1, our store will be closed on
Mondays**

Sunday hours will be 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

Easter Weekend Hours

Good Friday, April 2 – CLOSED

Open Saturday & Easter Sunday

(April 3 & 4)

Book Review

The Otherworldlies

by Jennifer Anne Kogler

The moment I saw her face, I knew I had to read the book. I'm referring to the face of Fern McAllister, the 12 year old heroine of author Jennifer Anne Kogler's book "The Otherworldlies".

Fern McAllister is an Otherworldy: She can teleport (move almost instantly) from one location to another, communicate with animals (her dog) and hear voices far away from her. So that should make her popular, right? Wrong- she's "freaky Fern" at St. Gregory's, the school she attends. There she is bullied and made an object of scorn by students and teachers alike.

In this respect, Fern resembles J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter, who also receives little respect for his extraordinary talents. However, Fern at least has the support of her family, particularly her brother Same, and an unexpected new friend in the 7th grade called Lindsay Lin.

Fern soon discovers, however, that being the school outcast is just the start of her problems. There's a mysterious stranger called Vlad; he's very interested in her, and wants her to join an organization he leads called "The Legion of Hundred-Handers". Then there's another group called "The Vampire Alliance" who believe Fern is just the person to lead them in the fight against Vlad and his plans for world conquest. Why can't she be left alone? She feels like any other 12 year old on most days. However, Fern doesn't have a choice; she has to summon the courage and strength to do what's right. With the help of her mother, brothers, and other allies she meets along the way, Fern does what she has to do.

"Otherworldlies" is a book that will appeal to people of different ages. It's an entertaining and gripping fantasy, but like every good fantasy story it teaches us valuable lessons about real life. I'm glad I read the book with the face on the front cover.

Reviewed by Roland Derksen