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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

November 2021

## Board Notes

Several issues were discussed at the October board meeting. Office Manager Jen Dixon proposed that we change our virus protection software from Symantec to HitmanPro, which is recommended by Coastal Custom Computers, costs less, and doesn't require a three-year contract. The board accepted the recommendation, provided HitmanPro performs virus scans automatically, and not on-demand.

The "buy three books and get one free" promotion this summer has been very successful. Board members decided to continue it into the winter.

Board members discussed the new Interlibrary Loan arrangement with Seaside Library. Rather than full access to the Interlibrary Loan network, the current arrangement only gives us access to the collections at Seaside, Astoria and Warrenton libraries. Jeremy Randolph, who takes care of our Interlibrary Loan service, reports that under this truncated arrangement, he is unable to fill about a third of the requests he receives. We will continue to monitor the situation, and contact the Seaside Library Director about their future plans for Interlibrary Loan.

Red Dot books (books that are not recently published, but are new to our collection), will be moved from the top of the bookcase on the south wall, to a lower shelf for the convenience of patrons and volunteers.

Mary Kerwin, Wanda Meyer-Price, and Linda Sugano reported on the progress by the newly formed Acquisitions Committee; Joe Bernt and Doug Sugano are also on the committee. The Committee has met twice to decide how they wish to proceed; they plan to finalize their choices for their first book order on November 19. The Committee plans to develop searchable lists of Oregon writers and books about the Northwest. The catalog computer will need to be moved to a more accessible location so that patrons and volunteers can more easily use these searchable lists.

Board Notes Continued... 

*We'd like to wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to all our volunteers, members, patrons, and supporters!*

## NW Authors Series Presents Deborah Reed

Join us Saturday, November 13 at 2 p.m. on Facebook Live! The November presentation of the library's NW Authors Series will feature Deborah Reed, author and owner of Cloud & Leaf Bookstore in Manzanita. Reed writes literary fiction that focuses on the universal themes of grief, love, despair, and self-discovery. Her works have been acclaimed for their emotionally complex characters, tightly woven plots, and lyrical prose. She has also written two popular thrillers under the pen name Audrey Braun.



Deborah Reed is the author of seven novels. She has taught writing at the Hellenic American University in Athens, Greece, the UCLA extension program in Los Angeles, and was previously the co-director of the Black Forest Writing Seminars at Albert-Ludwig University in Freiburg, Germany. She divides her time between Berlin and the Oregon coast.

### Board Notes Continued...

The next speaker in the NW Authors Speaker series will be Deborah Reed. This will be a virtual talk, and our first international event since she will be giving her talk from Berlin.

The annual appeal letter is at the printers. Our goal is to put the letters in the mail the week before Thanksgiving. That means the mailing has to be assembled during the week of November 8. Karen French and Jen will reach out to members and volunteers to help stuff envelopes on November 9 and 11, days when the Library is closed.



-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

# 4th Annual Writers Read Celebration



The NW Authors Series is sponsoring the fourth annual Writers Read Celebration! The committee is calling local writers to submit their original works. All writers and all ages can participate. This year's theme is "Recovery?"

A panel of volunteer judges will anonymously select 9-10 works to be read by their authors in front of a LIVE audience during the celebration. The celebration will be held via Zoom in March 2022. Selected writers will also need access to Zoom.

All written formats will be considered (essay, story, poetry, prose, etc.) Limit 3 entries per author, 600-word maximum per entry. Submissions will be accepted by email ([info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org)) or by mail (P.O. Box 486 Cannon Beach, OR 97110), though email is preferred. Submissions should be in word or pdf format and include a cover letter with the writer's name, email and phone number. Please do not include your name or contact information on the entry document. Deadline for submissions is January 10th, 2022.

## WOHR Library Lecture Series

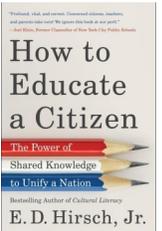


Join us Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. on [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#) for the beginning of this season's library lecture series, which will continue in an online format. Bobby Hayden and Jazmin Dagostino from the Pew Charitable Foundation will be presenting, "Oregon's Blue Carbon Policy: Where we are and what's next."

Oregon has been positioned as a national and international leader on blue carbon. The Oregon Global Warming Commission recently adopted the first ever Natural and Working Lands Proposal. This proposal specifically recommends incorporating blue carbon into the state's climate goals and strategies. The Pew Charitable Trusts played a key role in bringing scientists and data analysts together to inform the blue carbon elements of the proposal. But what is blue carbon? What did the Oregon Global Warming Commission just recommend? What does it mean, and what's next? In this talk, Bobby Hayden and Jazmin Dagostino from the Pew Foundation will start to address these questions, highlight some emerging research to broaden the blue carbon conversation, and discuss how to get involved.

## Cannon Beach Reads Oct 20

The book that will be discussed, via Zoom, on Wednesday, November 17, will be *How to Educate a Citizen: The Power of Shared Knowledge to Unify a Nation*, by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.



In *How to Educate a Citizen*, Hirsch, now in his 90's, argues that elementary education in America is a failure because it focuses on "child centered" education and teaching methods that dumb down education, instead of focusing on rigorously teaching the content of a shared core of history, geography, science, civics and other essential areas of knowledge. As a result, Hirsch argues, the lack of a shared core of knowledge makes it impossible for Americans to work together, understand one another and make good decisions.

A controversial figure in American education, E.D. Hirsch is an emeritus professor, literary critic and educational theorist. Hirsch created a firestorm with his 1987 book *Cultural Literacy*, in which he listed 5,000 people, dates, phrases and concepts Americans should know to be "culturally literate." The book was vigorously debated, with some finding it racist, sexist, and elitist, while others regarded it as a crucial blueprint for education. Hirsch also founded the non-profit Core Knowledge Foundation, which publishes detailed guidelines for pre-K to 8th grade curriculum.

Lila Wickham will lead the discussion, which will take place via Zoom, on Wednesday, November 17, beginning at 7 p.m. Cannon Beach Reads plans to meet via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. until in-person meetings are possible again. Email Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu) to get the Zoom link, and join in what promises to be a spirited discussion. New members are always welcome!

Check out eBooks - visit [www.cannonbeachlibrary.org](http://www.cannonbeachlibrary.org) to learn how



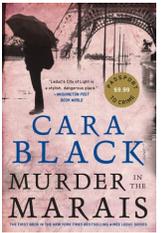


# Looking for a Good Mystery?

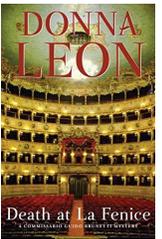


International travel has been iffy during the pandemic, but you can explore three premier international cities without leaving your favorite reading nook. So consider “booking” a trip with Cara Black, Donna Leon, or Qiu Xiaolong.

American author **Cara Black’s** nineteenth Aimee Leduc mystery, *Murder in Bel-Air*, was published in 2019. Black’s Aimee Leduc is a Parisian private detective, who, though she specializes in computer investigations, always seems to find herself in physically dangerous situations. Leduc is fearless, headstrong, and addicted to wearing vintage couture outfits. Her mother, an American who disappeared when Aimee was eight, may have CIA ties, and her father, a Parisian policeman, was killed in a police raid. Leduc’s efforts to find out the truth about her mother’s background and her father’s death often spill over into her investigative cases, which take place in the various neighborhoods of Paris, starting with *Murder in the Marais*, which was published in 1998. The twentieth novel in the series, *Murder at the Porte de Versailles*, is due out in 2022.



**Donna Leon**, an American mystery writer, spent 30 years living and teaching in Venice. Her knowledge of Venetian life is evident in her mysteries featuring policeman Commissario Guido Brunetti. Brunetti is a smart, honest, well-read, introspective man who has the misfortune of reporting to the buffoon Vice-Questore Patta. Working around his incompetent boss, Brunetti solves crimes that show us the seamy side of Venetian society. Brunetti comes from a lower class background, but his wife is the daughter of an extremely wealthy man, thus giving him knowledge of, and access to, all levels of society, which prove helpful in his investigations. Brunetti stays true to his moral code as he solves cases from the first novel in the series, *Death at la Fenice* (1992), to the thirtieth, *Transient Desires* (2021).



Chinese culture and history seem opaque to most of us in the West. That’s why we are fortunate that **Qiu Xiaolong** came to the U.S. in 1988 and decided to stay in St. Louis, where he teaches and writes the Inspector Chen Cao mystery series. Inspector Chen is the head of the Shanghai Special Cases Bureau in the 1990’s, a period of great change in China during which then Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping decided to open China to some private enterprise and Western ideas. Inspector Chen, who writes poetry and was trained in literature, was assigned to a career in law enforcement by the Chinese government, and received early promotion for political reasons. Despite that inauspicious beginning, Chen turns out to be an effective and dedicated policeman. In addition to being well written police procedural novels, the Inspector Chen series is a fascinating window into Chinese history, society, culture, and daily life. From the first novel in the series (*Death of a Red Heroine*) to the twelfth novel (*Inspector Chen and the Private Kitchen Murder*), the Inspector has to maneuver through the treacherous quicksand of Chinese politics as he solves politically sensitive, high-profile crimes.



## Annual Appeal Fundraiser DONATE

Our annual appeal fundraiser is underway. Please watch your mailbox - and, for the first time, this year you can also donate online! Save postage, go to: <https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/make-a-donation/>

A mail-in form is also included in this newsletter, for those not on our mailing list.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, the appeal letter usually provides one-third of our annual budget. The appeal letter is especially vital again this year, since we have had to cancel most of our fundraising efforts due to the ongoing pandemic.

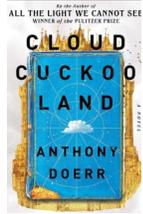
Our annual Holiday Tea that usually takes place during Haystack Holidays has been cancelled.



**The library will be open on both the Wednesday before and the Friday after Thanksgiving.**



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**Fiction:**

- Cloud Cuckoo Land* - Anthony Doerr
- Child of Light* - Terry Brooks
- Damascus Station* - David McCloskey
- The Lincoln Highway* - Amor Towles
- Oh, William* - Elizabeth Strout
- Sankofa* - Chibendu Onuzo
- Silverview* - John LeCarre
- State of Terror* - Louise Penny

**Mystery:**

- 1979* - Val McDermind
- The Corpse Flower* - Anne Hancock
- Death at Greenway* - Lori Rader-Day
- An Elderly Lady Must Not Be Crossed* - Helene Tursten
- A Line to Kill* - Anthony Horowitz
- The Man Who Died Twice* - Richard Osman
- The Night She Disappeared* - Lisa Jewell
- No One Will Miss Her* - Kat Rosenfield

**Non-Fiction:**

- The Afghanistan Papers: a Secret History of the War* - Craig Whitlock
- Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* - Mary Roach
- Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid: the Fraught and Fascinating Biology of Climate Change* - Thor Hanson
- You Bet Your Life: From Blood Transfusions to Mass Vaccination, the Long and Risky History of Medical Innovation* - Paul Offit MD

**Children/Easy Reader:**

- Hush little baby* - Sylvia Long
- Ruth's bake shop* - Kate Spohn
- Hand, hand, fingers, thumb* - Al Perkins

**Juvenile/YA:**

*New titles will be printed in December*

**VID/DVD:**

- ◆ The Complete Monty Python's Flying Circus
- ◆ Crusade in the Pacific: The Definitive History of the war in the Pacific, Documentary
  - ◆ Looney Tunes Golden Collection
    - ◆ March of the Penguins
    - ◆ Moonrise Kingdom
  - ◆ Rick Steves' all 80 shows: The complete 2000-2009 collection
    - ◆ Star Wars IX, The Rise of Skywalker
- ◆ SNL The Complete First Series: 1975-1976

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**2021-22 Annual Appeal & Card Renewal**

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**Library Hours:**

**Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 12-4 p.m.**