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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

January 2022



Board Notes

Several issues were discussed at the December board meeting. Office Manager Jen Dixon raised the issue of patrons being able to access eBooks despite having an expired library card. This is possible because the eBook service is separate from our regular library system. Rather than immediately blocking eBook access, we will check the library card status of eBook users each month and contact patrons if their cards need to be renewed. Phyllis Bernt will help Jen with this process.

Limited Browsing continues to work well; no changes seem to be needed. The next speaker for the NW Authors series will be Tina Ontiveros; her talk will be via Facebook Live on Saturday, January 15. Mary Kerwin, Linda Sugano, and Wanda Meyer-Price reported that the Acquisitions Committee is working well. Mary noted that the Committee is taking into consideration whether a book is available as an eBook when deciding on selections.

Two copies of each of the 12 books that will be discussed by Cannon Beach Reads in 2022 are now available. Linda and Karen French worked overtime to get them, and the new acquisitions, covered and shelved in record time.

Board members discussed how to handle board elections. All agreed that the process will need to be by mail because of Covid. The process followed last year seemed to work well so we will follow it again this year.

Work on formulating the 2022-23 budget will begin in January. The board discussed needs that should be reflected in next year's budget, or dealt with this year if necessary. Building maintenance and a new computer to replace the malfunctioning computer at the circulation desk were discussed.

Board members discussed the Library website, which is badly in need of an overhaul because it is inflexible and confusing to use. The company that hosts our website gave us a very reasonable quote



4th Annual Writers Read Celebration Call for Submissions

Start the new year off writing! This is your chance to participate in the 4th annual Writers Read Celebration. There are still a few weeks left to send us your original writings (poetry, prose, essay, short story, etc) on the theme "Recovery?" The deadline is January 24th. For full details, please check our website or email Jen Dixon: info@cannonbeachlibrary.org.



Rainy Day Book Bingo Starts January 10

Who's ready for BINGO??! Read books, explore the library, win prizes! Pick up a Rainy Day Book Bingo card from the front desk or print one from our website. Anyone can play – we have a special card for youth and pre-readers. Game runs January 10 - March 30. Please only count books read or finished during that period. **How to Play:** You may count one book for up to 2 spaces. Bingo horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. First bingo line completed wins a reusable book tote and a free book from our used book sale room (old and rare books excluded). Second bingo line completed wins a cool mystery prize. Each additional bingo line completed after that wins one ticket to enter in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING (1 ticket per line). When you COVER ALL the squares, win ten tickets to enter in the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING. We will also publish your name in our April newsletter, or just have bragging rights if you prefer your name left out. The GRAND PRIZE DRAWING will be April 1 on Facebook Live.

Board Notes Continued...

for doing an overhaul. The board voted to move forward with that project.



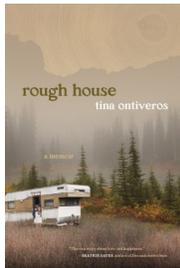
-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

NW Authors Series Presents Tina Ontiveros

Join us Saturday, January 15th at 2 p.m. for the first NW Authors Series presentation of the new year! The library will host author Tina Ontiveros. She will discuss her award-winning memoir "*Rough House*," a story of love, family, addiction, and growing up below the federal poverty line, shuffling between her single mother in the Oregon desert and her migrating dad in the rural spaces of the Pacific Northwest.

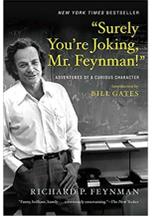
Her writings explore class, generational hardship, and the marginalization of the poor. "*Rough House*" was a PNBA Bestseller, an Indie Next Pick, and 2021 Pacific Northwest Book Award winner. Her essay, "*The Life We Pay For*," was a 2019 top ten most read Oregon Humanities Magazine feature.

Tina Ontiveros is a writer and teacher based in the Pacific Northwest. After community college she earned a BA in Literature from Marylhurst University and an MFA in Nonfiction Writing from Goddard College. Tina currently lives in Oregon and teaches at Columbia Gorge Community College.



Cannon Beach Reads Jan 19

Cannon Beach Reads will start off 2022 with a discussion of *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!: Adventures of a Curious Character*, the entertaining memoir written by Richard P. Feynman. Feynman, a theoretical physicist and well-known eccentric, was ranked as the seventh-greatest physicist of all time in a survey of his peers in 1999. Feynman, who helped in the development of the atomic bomb, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1965 for contributions to the development of quantum electrodynamics and was cited for his service on the Rogers Commission which investigated the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster in 1986. He is credited with pioneering the field of quantum computing and introducing the idea of top down nanotechnology.



One of Feynman's goals was to popularize physics, making it accessible to non-scientists, through books and lectures (for example, his talk on top down nanotechnology, *There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom*). A wildly popular professor, Feynman's undergraduate lectures were published in the three-volume *The Feynman Lectures on Physics*.

Feynman was so well known during his career, that his life was portrayed in film, theater, opera and graphic novels. Matthew Broderick portrayed him in the biopic *Infinity* and Alan Alda played him on Broadway in the play *QED*. His life was also the subject of an opera and a graphic novel, each titled *Feynman*. Fictional physicist Sheldon Cooper, of *The Big Bang Theory*, is presented as an avid Feynman fan.

Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman! is not a traditional autobiography. Instead it is a collection of anecdotes and reminiscences, including his reminiscences about discussing atomic physics with Einstein, his fascination with safecracking, his studies of various languages and his efforts to learn to play the drums. Critics have called Feynman "a storyteller in the tradition of Mark Twain," and described this memoir as being "funny, brilliant, bawdy" and "enormously entertaining."

Bob Lundy will lead the discussion beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19. Cannon Beach Reads will continue to meet Wednesdays via Zoom until it is possible to meet in person. Email Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu to get the Zoom link and join the discussion. New members are always welcome!

WOHR Library Lecture Series

Join us Wednesday January 12th at 7:00 p.m. on [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#) for the World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series. Marc Ward, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the environmental nonprofit [Sea Turtles Forever \(STF\)](#), will present, "*Micro Plastic Recovery on the North Oregon Coast*".

Marc Ward has spent the last 20 years running operations for STF in Costa Rica and Oregon. He has spent his career working to protect and reestablish the population of the endangered sea turtle, decimated from years of illegal harvest and commercial fishing.



Photo Courtesy STF

STF has also led the way in removing marine micro plastic from the environment, using a patented system invented and developed by Marc and now used all over the world as an efficient strategy for removing marine micro plastic from beach environments. STF also runs a beach filtration team (STF Blue Wave), removing tons of marine micro plastic from Northern Oregon Beaches.

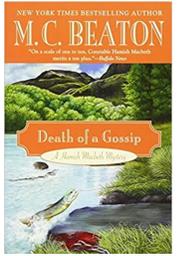


Looking for a Good Mystery?



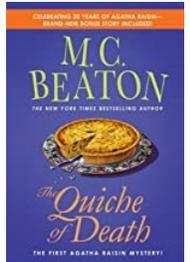
If you like your mysteries with a bit of whimsy, odd-ball characters, and a good deal of local color, then novels by Scottish writer Marion Chesney may be just right for you. Chesney, writing under a variety of pseudonyms, created over 150 romance and mystery novels. She is perhaps best known for two mystery series she wrote using the pen name M.C. Beaton: the Hamish Macbeth series and the Agatha Raisin mysteries.

The Hamish Macbeth novels are set in the fictional Highland village of Lochdubh, where Hamish is the village constable, with a reputation for being lazy, unambitious, and constantly on the hunt for free food. The eldest of seven children, Hamish raises chickens and a few sheep to supplement his policeman's pay, so he can send money home to his poor Scottish crofter parents. Despite his reputation as a lazy scrounge and his unimpressive appearance, Hamish is a talented detective who solves dozens of murders using shrewdness and an exceptional knowledge of human nature, much to the chagrin of his nemesis Detective Chief Inspector Blair.



Hamish is content with his life and terrified of being promoted out of his beloved Lochdubh, so he works hard to avoid credit for his successes. The Hamish Macbeth mysteries are filled with eccentric, colorful characters, complicated plots, and entertaining antics, from the first novel in 1985, *Death of a Gossip*, to novel #33, *Death of an Honest Man* in 2018.

While Hamish Macbeth is modest and low key, Agatha Raisin is loud, bossy and brassy, always dressed to the nines, never avoiding the limelight, and often blundering into difficult and embarrassing situations. Agatha lives in the village of Carsely in the English Cotswolds, where she retired after selling her successful London PR firm, and where she immediately became embroiled in a murder, which she of course helped solve.



Agatha avoids boredom in retirement by starting her own detective agency, which is staffed by unconventional but effective characters. Surprisingly successful as a detective, despite her often disorganized, unorthodox and personally dangerous approach, Agatha is embarrassingly unsuccessful when it comes to men, though she gamely continues to hope for the perfect romance. Agatha's exploits began in 1992 in *The Quiche of Death*, and continued through novel #30, *Beating About the Bush*, in 2019.

Since Marion Chesney's death in 2019, R.W. Green has continued both series, with *Death of a Green-Eyed Monster* (Hamish Macbeth), and *Hot to Trot* and *Down the Hatch* (Agatha Raisin). The Hamish Macbeth series has been adapted to movies and television, while Agatha Raisin has been adapted to a television series now streaming on Acorn.

Free Books for Emergent Readers



New Acquisitions December 2021

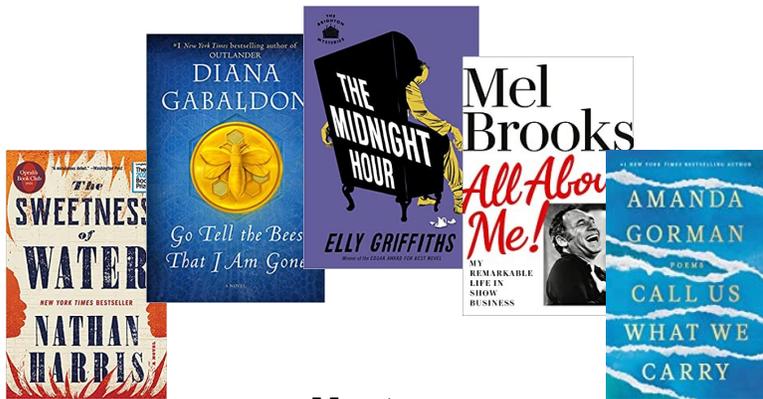
Do you know someone who could use FREE BOOKS for preschool aged children? The library offers free books for local children under one through our Books for Babies program. The NW Early Learning Hub of Clatsop County is a partner of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, offering a free book every month to children under 5. The CDC offers wonderful free books for children, which include *Amazing Me*, *Where is Bear*, and *Baby's Busy Day*. Each book focuses on development and offers tips for caregivers. For the links to access these recourses, visit our website and click on [children's activities](#).



Fiction:

- The Judge's List* – John Grisham
- Wish You Were Here* – Jodi Picoult
- Never* – Ken Follett
- Love Songs of W. E. B. Dubois* – Honore Fannone Jeffers
- Go Tell the Bees that I am Gone* – Diana Gabaldon
- Mrs. Rochester's Ghost* – Lindsay Marcott
- The Personal Librarian* – Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
- The Sweetness of Water* – Nathan Harris
- The Wish* – Nicholas Sparks





Mystery:

- Game On – Janet Evanovich
- The Midnight Hour – Elly Griffiths
- Jane Austen’s Lost Letters- Jane K. Cleland
- Autopsy – Patricia Cornwell

Non-Fiction:

- The Shattering: America in the 1960’s - Kevin Boyle
- All About Me! My Remarkable Life in Show Business – Mel Brooks
- The Big Cheat: How Donald Trump Fleeced America and Enriched Himself and his Family – David Cay Johnston
- Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future – Elisabeth Kolbert
- 1619 Project – Nicole Hannah-Jones
- What Just Happened? – Charles Finch
- Call Us What We Carry – Amanda Gorman

Children/Easy Reader:

- Children of the Forest - Elsa Beskow
- Dancing with Granddad: An Alzheimer’s Story for Children and their Families – Linda Bozzo
- The Sun Egg - Elsa Beskow
- The Tale of the Little, Little Old Woman - Elsa Beskow



Juvenile/YA:

- A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens
- Newt's Emerald - Garth Nix
- The One and Only Bob - Katherine Applegate
- At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England - Walter Dean Myers
- Snakes - Barbara Taylor
- The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train - Dorothy Sterling

Library Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 12-4 p.m.

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