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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

February 2022

## Board Notes

Several issues were addressed at the January board meeting. Office Manager Jen Dixon reported that 12 patrons had been accessing ebooks with an expired library card. She and Claire Landrum have contacted them and most have renewed their cards and some have made donations.

A small number of patrons have not returned books despite numerous calls and emails. The board voted to send a formal letter to patrons who have not returned books after 60 days, informing them that their library privileges have been suspended.

The Acquisitions Committee is continuing to fine tune their process. There are some questions about the specifics of our agreement with Ingram, the book distributor from whom we purchase most of our books. Jen will contact our sales representative to discuss details and options.

The Nominating Committee, made up of Lynne Murray Stuart (who will be stepping down from the board), Linda Sugano, and Rance Babb, are beginning the nominating process. There are two board vacancies. Because of the uncertainties surrounding COVID, elections will be by mail. There will be articles in the February, March and April newsletters explaining the process. Ballots will be mailed out the first week in April.

The board discussed a draft budget for 2022-23. The budget includes a Rare and Old Book Sale during Memorial Day Weekend. That sale takes up a small amount of floor space and does not generate big crowds so it is manageable within the limitations imposed by the pandemic. The board decided to budget for a Quilt Drawing; Melodie Chenevert has generously donated lovely quilts. There was also discussion about the feasibility of a 4th of July Sale and the Fall Festival. The board will monitor the COVID situation and make decisions accordingly.

Work on revamping the Library website has begun. The goal is to make the website easier to navigate

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## Writers Read Celebration Writers Chosen

Thank you to everyone who shared their works with us for the Fourth Annual Writers Read Celebration. We received 45 submissions from many talented writers. Writers interpreted the theme "Recovery?" in deeply personal and diverse ways. Submissions included poetry of all styles, essays, and short stories. Our volunteer judges chose 16 pieces that will be read by 11 writers at the celebration on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live. Chosen writers will be announced on Facebook Live, the library's website, and next month's newsletter.

## 2022 Quilt Drawing

This year's quilt drawing has a surprise twist! Last fall board member Melodie Chenevert donated a quilt to use for a last-minute Christmas drawing. Unfortunately, that wasn't feasible. So now, Melodie has donated another quilt, and we will draw TWO lucky winners! Double your chance to win!

Both quilts feature diamond-shaped pieces. Both have fabrics from the 1930s to the 1940s - possibly 1950s. Both were made into finished quilts in the 1980s and have never been used.

The "Christmas" quilt has dramatic dark green 6-pointed stars interspersed with tumbling blocks - a bit of an optical illusion (72 x 96"). It would generously cover a twin bed and, with the right dust ruffle, perhaps a double bed. The other quilt is a beautiful queen-sized Lone Star quilt (86 x 90") with vibrant coloring. Both quilts would make stunning wall pieces. Pictures can be viewed on the website, and both quilts will be on display at the library. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece, or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the end of this year, and we'll ship anywhere in the USA!



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## NW Authors Series Presents Stephen Holgate Feb 5

Join us Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The NW Authors Series will host author Stephen Holgate. Holgate is the author of several award-winning and critically acclaimed novels. Characterized by intrigue, romance, and danger, his books have gained an audience among readers and critics alike. His latest novel, "*To Live and Die in the Floating World*," is a thriller set on a tourist boat on the canals of Burgundy, and offers readers a heady mix of danger, seduction, and suspense.

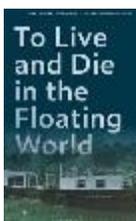
Stephen Holgate served as a diplomat for American embassies in France, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico, and Sri Lanka. He lives with his wife in Portland, Oregon.

You don't need a Facebook account to watch! Post questions live on Facebook, call, or email us before the presentation. Go to Facebook and click on posts [www.facebook.com/cannonbeachlibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/cannonbeachlibrary/) OR go to our website on the day of the event and click the banner at the top of the page.

## 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. Taylor Chapple, Assistant Professor Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, will present "**The Science of Sharks: Meeting the Predator Next Door.**"

Have you ever wondered what species of sharks are swimming in the waters off the Oregon coast, or how much a White shark needs to eat? Did you know that Salmon sharks swim down from Alaska to exploit our salmon runs? The Big Fish Lab at Oregon State University studies the movements, behaviors, and energetics of large marine fish – most notably sharks, mantas and tunas. Using a mix of electronic tags and hands-on field experiments, they work to gain insights into the where, when, and why behind these animal's movements. They specialize in *biologging tags*, which allow them to "hitch a ride" with these animals and, through a suite of sensors and cameras, get a sneak-peak into their lives. By understanding these big fish and their role in our marine systems, we can better protect and manage our coastal ecosystems and resources. Tune in to learn more about these amazing animals!



## 2022 Board Elections

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, this year's board elections will once again be conducted by mail.



Normally elections start with a nominating committee presenting a slate of candidates at a March membership meeting during which any additional nominations are solicited from the floor. The resulting ballot is then voted on at a May membership meeting.

Last year, instead of in-person meetings we used the Library newsletter and the US Postal Service. A slate of candidates was presented in the March newsletter; then information about the candidates was provided in the April newsletter. Ballots were mailed to the membership during the first week of April, and were due in the Library office during the first week of May. The process worked well, with a big level of participation, so we will follow that process again this year.

A nominating committee made up of Lynne Murray Stuart, Rance Babb, and Linda Sugano has begun to develop a slate of candidates for open board seats and for board officers. That slate will be presented in this newsletter next month (March). Any additional nominations will be presented in the March and April newsletters.

A ballot will be mailed to the membership on Monday, April 4th and will be due in the Library office by Friday, May 6th. Only paid-up members are eligible to vote.

The Library has a working board. In addition to functioning as a governing board which sets goals, develops strategy, and oversees programs and activities, the Cannon Beach Library board is also actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the Library and its functions.

If you would like to nominate yourself, or a colleague, to run for an open board seat or for a board officer position, contact the Library office by sending an email to [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org) or calling 503-436-1391. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 11.

## New Website Underway

Be on the lookout for our new website in the coming months! We are updating our online presence with a fresh look and user-friendly navigation. The URL will stay the same - [www.cannonbeachlibrary.org](http://www.cannonbeachlibrary.org)



## Looking for a Good Mystery?

When you browse our mystery shelves, you may notice the large number of books written by someone with the last name 'Kellerman.' That shouldn't be surprising considering that writing mysteries is the Kellerman family business. Faye and Jonathan Kellerman, along with their son Jesse and more recently their daughter Aliza, have written dozens of mysteries and thrillers.

Faye Kellerman, though she was trained as a dentist, decided instead to write mysteries, beginning in 1986 with *The Ritual Bath*, which won the Macavity Award for best first novel. That novel introduced the unlikely duo of Peter Decker, a battle weary, yet still idealistic, LA police detective and Rina Lazarus, a surprisingly astute Orthodox Jewish widow.

Through 25 more novels (#26 *The Lost Boys* came out in 2021), Peter and Rina solve mysteries which involve or touch on Jewish topics, which is not surprising since Peter, who was raised Southern Baptist by his adoptive parents, discovers he is Jewish by birth, thus clearing the way for his marriage to Rina and his exploration of his Jewish identity.. The 27th Decker/Lazarus novel, *The Hunt*, is scheduled for release in 2022. Faye Kellerman has also written eight stand-alone mysteries, two with her husband and one with her daughter.

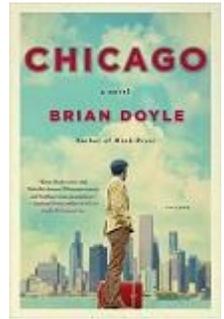
Jonathan Kellerman, after working as a child psychologist, successfully turned his hand to writing mysteries, winning the Edgar and Anthony Awards for best first novel in 1985 for *When the Bough Breaks*. That novel introduced the brilliant forensic psychologist, Alex Delaware, who often works as a consultant for his friend, LA police detective Milo Sturgis, often on cases involving children and difficult family situations. Delaware is a sensitive, caring, and socially aware amateur sleuth who has helped the LAPD solve psychologically challenging cases through more than three dozen novels. The 36th Alex Delaware novel, *Serpentine*, came out in 2021; number 37 (*City of the Dead*) is due out in 2022.

Writing with his son Jesse (a novelist and playwright), Jonathan Kellerman has also written two suspense novels involving mysticism and Jewish mythology, *The Golem of Hollywood* and *The Golem of Paris*, featuring LAPD detective Jacob Lev. The duo has also written four thrillers featuring Bay Area Deputy Coroner Clay Edison, starting with *Crime Scene* in 2017 and most recently *The Burning* in 2021.



## Cannon Beach Reads Feb 16

The February selection for Cannon Beach Reads is *Chicago: A Novel* (2016), by Brian Doyle, which will be discussed via Zoom on February 16, starting at 7 p.m.



*Chicago* is a coming-of-age novel about a young graduate student who rents an apartment on the north side of Chicago. He lives there for 5 seasons, and meets a number of colorful characters, including gangsters, gamblers, policemen, a cricket player, a librettist, and others. The main character of the novel, however, is the city of Chicago itself.

Critics have called *Chicago* 'a gorgeous novel,' 'a warm and entertaining journey of discovery,' 'a lyrical coming of age story,' and 'the best book I have read this year.'

Brian Doyle, who died in 2017, was the editor of *Portland Magazine*. He was the author of six collections of essays, two nonfiction books, two collections of 'proems', a novella and three novels. He also published essays in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, *The Georgia Review*, and other periodicals. His books were finalists for the Oregon Book Award seven times. He was awarded a Catholic Book Award, three Pushcart Prizes, the John Burroughs Award for Nature Essays, and the Award in Literature from the Academy of Arts and Letters in 2008.

In past years, participants in Cannon Beach Reads greatly enjoyed discussing his novels: *Mink River*, and *Martin Marten*.

Kathy Bell will lead the discussion, beginning at 7 p.m. Cannon Beach Reads will continue to meet via Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month until in-person meetings are possible. Email Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu) to get the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome.

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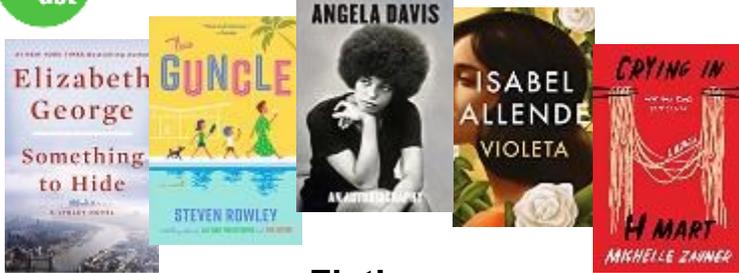
and to provide users with clear options. Jen has been looking at what other libraries are doing with their websites.

Jen and Karen French pointed out that it has been virtually impossible to update the sign listing Library hours. They will look into options for redoing the sign.



-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

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**Fiction:**

The Guncle – Steven Rowley

Honor – Thrity Umrigar

Joan is Okay – Weike Wang

To Live and Die in the Floating World -  
Steve Holgate

Under the Whispering Door – TJ Klune

Violeta – Isabel Allende

What Strange Paradise – Omar El-Akkad

When Two Feathers Fell from the Sky -  
Margaret Verble

**Mystery:**

Bake, Borrow and Steal – Ellie Alexander

Far From the Light of Heaven - Tade Thompson

Fear No Evil – James Patterson

Find Me – Alifair Burke

Last House on the Street – Diane Chamberlain

The Maid – Nita Prose

The Midnight Lock – Jeffrey Deaver

Something to Hide – Elizabeth George

**Non-Fiction:**

Angela Davis: An Autobiography - Angela Y. Davis

Crying in H-Mart – Michelle Zauner

Finding the Mother Tree– Suzanne Simard

Icebound – Andrea Pitzer

Tractor Wars - Neil Dahlstrom

We share many patrons with the Seaside Public Library. Please help us out by double-checking the books you return to make sure they're going to the correct location.

Play Rainy Day Book Bingo! Read books, explore the library, win prizes! Pick up a 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. Grand prize drawn April 1 on Facebook Live.

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

**Yes! I would like to join or renew my membership to the Cannon Beach Library**

**(Please note - this form is for annual membership dues, not annual library card renewal.)**

**Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per person**  
**Year: May 2021 to May 2022**

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