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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

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

March 2022

Board Notes

Several issues were discussed at the February board meeting. Office Manager Jen Dixon reported that she is getting quotes to install a much-needed floodlight on the back of the building.

Everyone thanked board member Melodie Chenevert for donating two beautiful quilts for a drawing this year. The drawing will take place at the end of the year, and there will be two winners. The person whose name is drawn first will have first choice of the quilts.

Circulation figures for the month of January were good and approaching pre-pandemic levels in all categories except for DVDs. All indications are that the state's mask mandate will end sometime in March. Board members discussed how to proceed regarding masking and other Covid-related provisions. Claire Landrum will ask the Desk Volunteers for their input before any decisions are made.

The Nominating Committee (Lynne Murray, Linda Sugano and Rance Babb) has developed a slate for the election of board members and officers. The slate will be in the March newsletter, along with solicitation of additional nominations. Seaside Library is willing to once again be our conduit to the national Interlibrary Loan system. For the past year or so, we have been limited to the collections in the Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton libraries, which has resulted in our not being able to fulfill several requests from patrons. The board approved entering into a new Interlibrary Loan arrangement with Seaside Library.

The board decided to plan a Fourth of July Book Sale to be held July 1 through July 4, barring any unforeseen developments. We haven't had a Fourth of July Sale for the past two years, and we have gotten a large number of book donations from people who decided to clean house during the pandemic. As a result we have an unusually large number of books. Board members considered whether to have the sale in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room or in the Library as usual. **Continued page 4...** 



Writers Read Celebration May 5

Join us for a casual evening as we celebrate two things we love the most at the library – writing and reading! The library's NW Authors Series will host the Fourth Annual Writers Read Celebration Saturday, March 5th at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live. Writers from across the region will read original works interpreting the theme, "Recovery?" The writers who will read their works are:

Adria Bagadnani, Manzanita - "Bird" (poem)

John Ciminello, Naselle, WA - "The Douser,"
"Back to the Beginning" (poems)

Bill Graffius, Gearhart - "The Cyborg Gardener,"
"Deciding Factor" (poems)

Karen Keltz, Tillamook - "Another Kind of Resilience," "Realm of Possibility" (poems)

Phyllis Mannan, Manzanita - "Holes," (story)
"Poem with a Line from Lao Tzu" (poem)

Steven Mayer, Cannon Beach - "On Recovery" (essay)

Kristen Nekovar, Astoria - "Pill Bug" (rap poem)

Jennifer Nightingale, Astoria - "Everything Changed" (poem)

Emily Ransdell, Camas, WA - "Consider the Blackberry," "Our Pandemic Year" (poems)

Scott T. Starbuck, Battle Ground, WA - "Slim's Tree" (poem)



L Swartz, Wheeler - "Hunger, edges, falling" (shuffle poem)

You don't need a Facebook account to watch! Join from Facebook: www.facebook.com/cannonbeachlibrary/ (click on posts) OR go to our website on the day of the event and click the LIVE banner at the top of the page.

Special Book Sale Fundraisers

We are excited to announce the return of our special book sale fundraising events - and do we have books to sell! We've been happy to receive a lot of generous donations in the last couple years, and we need your help. To make it happen, we need volunteers this year more than ever. A schedule of events and sign up sheet are on page 4.

2022 Board Elections

Ballots for this year's election of board members and officers will be mailed to Library members in early April.

Ballots containing the slate developed by a nominating committee, and the names of any additional nominees, will be due in the Library Office by May 6. Only paid members are eligible to vote.

There are two open seats on the board: one resulting from a retirement from the board and the other a vacant seat that has remained unfilled for the past few years. Nominated to fill the two open seats are Roger Neugebauer and Peggy Thom. Current at-large board members seeking re-election are Amy Jones, Mary Kerwin, and Linda Sugano. Nominees for board officers are: Phyllis Bernt, president; Wanda Meyer-Price, vice-president; Claire Landrum, secretary; and Karen French, treasurer. Board members in the middle of their first term, and so not up for re-election, are Melodie Chenevert and Caroline Godderz. Lynne Murray Stuart will be stepping down from the board after years of invaluable service, including as vice-president.

If you would like to nominate yourself, or a colleague, to run for one of the open seats or for a board officer position, contact the Library Office by sending an email to info@cannonbeachlibrary.org, or by calling 503-436-1391. Nominations must be received by **Friday, March 11**.

Important Update on ILL

We will once again be able to offer our patrons full Interlibrary Loan access, made available through a generous agreement with the Seaside Public Library.

Our new agreement allows our library patrons access to items from all over the United States, as well as continued access to over 100,00 materials through the consortium of libraries that includes the Seaside Public Library, Astoria Public Library, and Warrenton Community Library.

Patrons may make up to two ILL requests per month. Requests for the week will be picked up on Wednesdays; requests from libraries across the country may take several weeks to arrive. To ensure continued access to this service, we also ask that materials be returned promptly and that requests for extensions/renewals be made at least three days in advance. Please inquire about ILL at the front desk.

Cannon Beach Reads March 16

The March selection for Cannon Beach Reads is *The Lincoln Highway: A Novel*, by Amor Towles, which will be discussed via Zoom on March 16, beginning at 7 p.m.

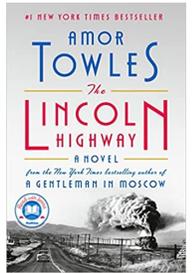
The Lincoln Highway is the story of a 10-day road-trip taken in June of 1954 on the Lincoln Highway, an interstate highway spanning over 3,000 miles between San Francisco and New York City.

On that road-trip are Emmett Watson, an 18-year-old Nebraska farm boy on early release from a juvenile detention facility. Emmet's mother deserted the family years ago; his father has recently died; and the family farm is in foreclosure. Emmet's plan is to collect his 8-year-old brother Billy and follow the Lincoln Highway west to California to find a better life. But two escapees from the same juvenile detention facility have other plans. The two steal Emmet's Studebaker and take the Lincoln Highway east to New York in search of family money, while Emmet and his brother hop freight trains in hot pursuit.

The novel was named a New York Times Notable Book, and was selected as a Best Book of the Year by *Time*, NPR, and *The Washington Post*. Critics have described it as "a remarkable blend of sweetness and doom," "wise and wildly entertaining," and "a real joyride...elegantly constructed and compulsively readable."

Amor Towles has been remarkably successful in his short 11-year writing career. After graduating from Yale, he planned to teach English in China, but was unable to do so because of Tiananmen Square. Instead, Towles pursued a career in investment banking until the success of his first novel, *Rules of Civility*, provided him with the resources to pursue writing full time. His second novel, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, was also a popular and critical success. He has also published a novella and a short story collection.

Wanda Meyer-Price 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 to get the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome.



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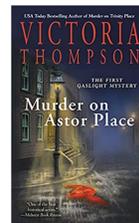
Looking for a Good Mystery?



If you have a soft spot for spunky, independent women who reject expected female roles in favor of solving mysteries in early 1900's New York City, then novels by Victoria Thompson and Rhys Bowen may be for you.

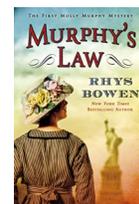
After writing some 20 historical romances, mostly set in the Old West, Victoria Thompson was told her publishing house wanted a series about a midwife in early twentieth century America. Thompson was happy to oblige and the result is the Gaslight Mysteries series.

Set in the 1910's, the Gaslight Mysteries feature Sarah Brandt, a young woman who is estranged from her wealthy family and now makes her living as a midwife in New York City. Sarah not only treats the poorest members of society, she is also able to mingle with the upper classes because of her family background, thus giving the reader a look at all aspects of society. Sarah's commitment to her patients gets her involved in some dicey situations, which she resolves with the help of New York Detective Frank Molloy. There are 25 novels in the Gaslight Mysteries series, from *Murder on Astor Place* (1999) to *Murder on Madison Square* (2022).



Thompson has created another strong female in early 1900s New York with her Counterfeit Lady series. Elizabeth Miles is a con woman who, after one con too many, has to escape a powerful, brutal man. Masquerading as a member of elite society, she avoids her pursuer, solves mysteries and finds romance. There are 5 Counterfeit Lady novels, from *City of Lies* (2017) to *City of Shadows* (2021).

Janet Quin-Harkin, in addition to writing several children's and young adult books, has, writing as Rhys Bowen, created Molly Murphy. At the turn of the century in Ireland, Molly Murphy fights off the advances of the local lord of the manor, then flees to New York City using a false identity. Molly, a feisty and fearless young woman, decides to become a private detective specializing in reuniting immigrants with their families. Molly is assisted in her detection, often unwillingly, by her romantic interest, New York Police Captain Daniel Sullivan. There are 18 novels in the Molly Murphy series, from *Murphy's Law* (2001) to *Wild Irish Rose* (2022).



Rhys Bowen doesn't limit her spunky heroines to the U.S. Her Royal Spyness series features Lady Georgiana, a penniless aristocrat who is 34th in line to the throne in the early 1900s. Georgiana leaves the family manor for London where she takes a series of menial jobs before attracting the eye of the Queen, who commissions her to take care of problems and solve mysteries on her behalf. There are 15 novels in the series from *Her Royal Spyness* (2007) to *God Rest Ye Royal Gentlemen* (2021).



Board Notes Continued...

After much discussion, the board decided to hold the sale in the Library. Because we have so many books, we will need to provide incentives to encourage sales.

Jen reported on progress so far on the redo of the website. She also gave a status report on the improvements to the back of the Library.



-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

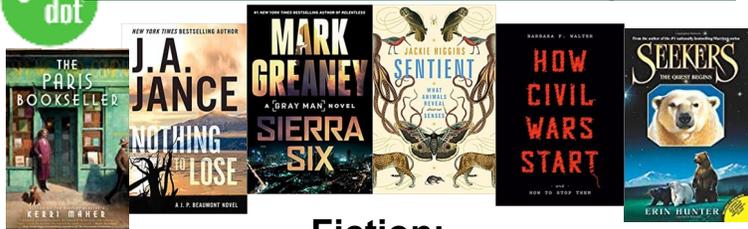
There's still time to play Rainy Day Book Bingo! Pick up a bingo card from the front desk or print one from our website. Anyone can play – we have a special card for youth and pre-readers. Game runs January 10 - March 30. Grand prize drawn April 1 on Facebook Live.

WOHR Library Lecture Series



Join us Wednesday March 9th at 7:00 p.m. on [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#) for the World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series. Josh D. McInnes from the Institute for the Oceans Fisheries Marine Mammal Research Unit will present, **“Ecological Aspects of Transient Killer Whales off the California and Oregon Coast.”** Transient killer whales are important apex predators in marine ecosystems along the outer pacific coast and offshore waters of Oregon and California. Josh D. McInnes, a marine mammal scientist and graduate student, will discuss insights into the latest findings regarding ecology, abundance, distribution, and community structure of these whales.





Fiction:

The Christie Affair – Nina de Gramont
Love and Saffron: Friendship, Food and Love – Kim Fay

The Paris Bookseller – Kerri Maher
The School for Good Mothers - Jessamine Chan
Shadows of Pecan Hollow – Caroline Frost
The Swimmers – Julie Otsuka
What the Fireflies Knew – Kai Harris

Mystery:

Abandoned in Death – J.D. Robb
A Game of Fear – Charles Todd
The Bitter Taste of Murder - Camilla Trinchieri
Bye Bye Baby - (Robert Parker) – Ace Atkinson

City of the Dead – Jonathan Kellerman
Death of a Green-Eyed Monster – M.C. Beaton
Finlay Donovan Knocks 'Em Dead – Elle Cosimano

The Joy and Light Bus Company – Alexander McCall Smith
Murder Under Her Skin – Stephen Spotswood
Nothing to Lose – J.A. Jance
One Step Too Far – Lisa Gardner
Sierra Six – Mark Greaney

Non-Fiction:

How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them – Barbara F. Walter
Life Between the Tides – Adam Nicolson
Sentient: How Animals Illuminate the Wonder of Our Human Senses – Jackie Higgins
A Taste for Poison: Eleven Deadly Molecules and the Killers Who Used Them – Neil Bradbury

Children/Easy Reader:

Mrs. Wow never wanted a cow - Martha Freeman
I hear a pickle - Rachel Isadora
I spy, year-round challenger! - Jean Marzo
The Peter Rabbit Classic Collection: Benjamin Bunny, The flopsy bunnies, Mr. Jeremy Fisher, Peter Rabbit, Two bad mice - Beatrix Potter
Outside my window - Melissa Lagonegro

Juvenile/YA:

Refugee - Alan Gratz
A night divided - Jennifer A Nielsen
The quest begins - Erin Hunter
Great Bear Lake - Erin Hunter
Within these wicked walls - Lauren Blackwood

SPRING UNVEILING ART AND MUSIC BOOK SALE

Friday, May 6 – Saturday, May 14: during regular library open hours. Buy 3 get 4th book free - bonus sale on all books.

MEMORIAL DAY OLD AND RARE BOOKS SALE

Saturday, May 28 – Monday, May 30: 12:00-4:00 p.m. all three days. Buy 3 get 4th book free - bonus sale on all books.

FOURTH OF JULY BOOK SALE

Friday, July 1 – Monday, July 4: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday. Buy 3 get 4th book free - bonus sale on all books Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Monday \$5.00 fill-a-bag sale all day. Library will be closed for all normal services, though books may be returned in the drop box.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Yes!!! Sign me up to help with this year's book sale fundraisers

Name:

Phone Number:

Email:

Please check where you are available to help

Memorial Day Sale

- ___ Set up: Friday, May 27 at 4:00 p.m.
- ___ Take down: Monday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m. or Tuesday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Fourth of July Sale

- ___ Set up: Wednesday, June 29 beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- ___ Caravan Day: Thursday, June 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We need all volunteers available, especially those with transportation (car/truck) or ability to lift/carry.
- ___ Take down: Monday, July 4, beginning as soon as the sale is finished. We need all volunteers available.
- ___ Help during the sale - cashiers, baggers, restock and organizing.

I can also help:

Email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org, or
 Detach and Mail to: Cannon Beach Library
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