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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter



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

April 2022

Board Notes

The March board meeting was conducted in person, after many months of Zoom meetings, and addressed a wide variety of issues. Patrons have asked to be able to renew books online, without having to call or email the Library Office. The board agreed that was a good idea and should be part of the update of the Library website.

Prior to Covid, a library card gave patrons the ability to check out a total of 10 items, including no more than 4 DVDs/audio books, and no more than 2 Green Dot books. This limit was decreased when the Library only offered Door-Side Service or very Limited Browsing. The board decided it was time to return to pre-Covid limits.

Ballots for the election of board members and officers will be mailed out April 4th, along with a Voters' Guide with information about each candidate. Also included will be membership renewal forms, so that Members can send in dues for 2022-23.

Upcoming fundraisers were discussed. The Library will observe the Spring Unveiling by offering art and music books for sale. Plans are underway for the Rare and Old Book Sale over the Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Volunteers will also be needed to sell quilt drawing tickets at the Farmer's Market on days designated by the Farmer's Market Committee.

The board discussed whether Cannon Beach Reads should be able to start meeting in-person in the Library, and decided that was all right as long as appropriate measures are taken to assure CB Reads members' safety. A community member has proposed a preschooler storytime at the Library. The board thought this was a great idea and asked that the details and logistics be worked out.

Board members discussed various options for thanking volunteers, since we are not doing a volunteer appreciation luncheon. The board discussed in-person Membership Meetings, and decided to do an

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NW Authors Series Presents Omar El Akkad

The April presentation of the library's NW Authors Series will feature award-winning author and journalist Omar El Akkad. Join us Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. as he discusses his writing craft and provides insights into his bestselling novels "American War" and most recently "What Strange Paradise."



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. Omar El Akkad has traveled the world to cover many of the most important news stories of the last decade. His debut novel was an international bestseller and received the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award, the Oregon Book Award, as well as critical acclaim from The New York Times, NPR, and the BBC. His latest novel is a finalist for the 2022 Aspen Words Literary Prize and the 2022 Oregon Book Award. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Election Ballots Mailed

Ballots for the upcoming Board of Directors election were mailed on April 4. All library members with current paid membership dues (May 2021 to May 2022) should have received a packet containing a ballot, voter's guide, return envelope, and renewal form for next year.

Library members vote for board officers and members-at-large. This year there are 4 returning candidates running for the 4 officer positions. There are 6 candidates running for 5 open member-at-large positions – 3 are returning, and 3 are new nominees. The voter's guide has details about candidates.

If you think your dues were paid for the year, but did not receive a ballot, contact our Office Manager as soon as possible. Only those ballots received in the library office by **Friday, May 6** will be counted.

Annual Memberships Due

Library membership runs from May to May, which means it's renewal time! To save on postage, instead of doing a separate mailing, renewal forms were included in this year's ballot mailing. You can also easily renew online with a few quick clicks – go to <https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/make-a-donation/>

It's the perfect time to join as a new member, which you can also do online. Individual membership dues are \$10.00 a year per person (May to May). Membership in the organization is different than purchasing a library card. We hope you choose to do both!

Members contribute to all facets of our operations and help make decisions for the organization, which includes electing board members and board officers. Members are invited to seven brunch meetings per year, held at the library, featuring speakers on topics that are of interest to the community. Members receive a monthly email newsletter, notifications of events and functions, and the annual membership directory. Membership is also a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the community.

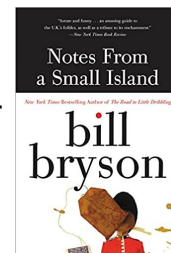
WOHR Library Lecture Series



Join us Wednesday April 13th at 7:00 p.m. on [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#) for the World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series. Hillary Burgess, Monitoring Coordinator for NOAA's Marine Debris Program, and Jesse Jones, volunteer coordinator for CoastWatch, will present, "Tackling Marine Debris with Citizen Science: NOAA's Marine Debris Monitoring and Assessment Project in Oregon." They will discuss MDMAP (a nationwide network of volunteers), NGOs, agency and academic personnel who contribute to and use the data collected through shoreline marine debris monitoring. Data collection outcomes include improved understanding of where and when marine debris accumulates, assessment of legislation like bag bans and container deposits, and development of behavior change campaigns that target source reduction of items like shotgun wads. The more data, the greater the impact. CoastWatch is actively seeking to set up more monitoring sites in Oregon. Come learn how shoreline marine debris monitoring can be used to address the shoreline pollution problem, and how you can get involved.

Cannon Beach Reads April 20

The April selection for Cannon Beach Reads is *Notes from a Small Island*, by William McGuire (Bill) Bryson, which, depending on the consensus of regular CB Reads participants, might be discussed in person at the Library on April 20, beginning at 7 p.m. If the group decides on an in-person meeting, arrangements will be made so that those who would rather join the discussion via Zoom will be able to do so.



Notes from a Small Island is Bryson's account of his tour of the UK after living in Britain for 20 years. First published in 1996, the book recounts his travels, mostly on public transportation, to all parts of the UK. Bryson provides historical information about the areas he visits, as well as comments regarding the character of the British people, and the peculiarities of British English. The book was voted by listeners of BBC4 as the work that best sums up British identity and the state of the nation.

Bill Bryson, a travel writer and author of books about science and about the English language, is known for his incisive and humorous writing style. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Bryson has spent most of his adult life in the UK, earning dual citizenship in 2015. He is an Officer of the Order of the British Empire and the only non-Brit to be named an honorary member of the Royal Society. He has also been awarded 11 honorary doctorates from British and American universities.

Bryson has written about travels in America (*Notes from a Big Country*, and *A Walk in the Woods*) and about the English language (*Mother Tongue* and *Made in America*). His book about the history, origins, and status of the sciences (*A Short History of Nearly Everything*) has won numerous awards.

Marjorie MacQueen will lead the discussion, which will begin at 7 p.m., hopefully with options for participating either in-person or via Zoom. Email Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu to get the Zoom link and details about meeting in person. Everyone is welcome.

IN-PERSON EVENT - LIVE at the Coaster Theater

The library's NW Authors Speaker Series will host bestselling author Karl Marlantis at the Coaster Theater Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.



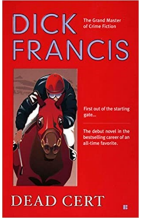


Looking for a Good Mystery?



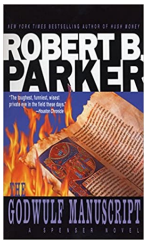
If you are looking for an exciting read, think about exploring works by two prolific authors whose works live on, not just because of their quality, but because other writers are continuing their work: Dick Francis and Robert B. Parker.

Dick Francis drew on his experiences as a highly successful British jockey for his thrillers, all of which focus on crime in the horse racing world. Unlike many other authors of mysteries and thrillers, Francis did not create a series focused on an individual hero. Instead his books are narrated by the main character of each novel, who is usually a jockey, or a trainer, or, sometimes, a professional from another field who is somehow involved with horse racing. During the course of the novel, the hero learns that he is actually capable and resourceful, and he is able to find salvation for himself and others.



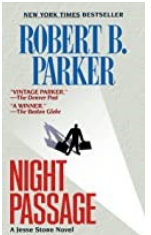
Francis's first thriller, *Dead Cert*, was published in 1962. He went on to write a book a year (except for a short story collection in 1998) until *Under Orders* in 2006; 40 titles in all. He then wrote 4 novels with his son Felix (*Dead Heat, Silks, Even Money, Crossfire*), Felix Francis has continued to write racing related thrillers with his father's name in the title; the tenth, and latest, was *Iced: A Dick Francis Novel* in 2021.

Unlike Francis, Robert B. Parker is known for the two series he created around two compelling, strong characters, notably Spenser, and Jesse Stone. He also wrote 6 novels about Sunny Randall, a female private detective, and 4 westerns.



Parker created 40 novels featuring Boston private detective Spenser, starting with *The Godwulf Manuscript* in 1973 and ending with *Sixkill* in 2011. Spenser, a former infantryman, boxer, and state trooper, is highly educated, smart mouthed, and almost painfully ethical. Spenser often calls on his friend Hawk, a hired gun, to help him in dangerous situations, and on his girlfriend, Susan Silverman to help him with ethical dilemmas. Even Parker's early novels feel modern because of his inclusion of multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and gay characters. Since Parker's death, Ace Atkins has continued the series, with 10 Spenser novels so far.

Parker also created Jesse Stone, a former L.A. detective who has sought sobriety and a second chance as the police chief in a small New England town. Parker wrote 9 Jesse Stone novels, starting with *Night Passage* in 1997 and ending with *Split Image* in 2010. As with the Spenser series, Jesse Stone did not disappear when Parker died. Eleven more Jesse Stone novels have been written, three by Michael Brandman, 6 by Reed Farrell Coleman, and 2 by Mike Lupica. Both the Spenser novels and the Jesse Stone books have been adapted to television and films.



So, when you are browsing the mystery shelves, consider two authors whose works are so compelling they have continued long after the authors themselves have left us.

Board Notes Continued...

outdoor Membership Meeting during the third week in July, to finally get everyone together.

The family that made a contribution toward repainting and rebuilding our Library sign in front of the building in 2017 has now offered to help us repaint the sign once again. The website update is moving along well and will hopefully be done by May.



-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

Upcoming Fundraisers

Don't miss the library's **Rare and Old Book Sale** this Memorial Day weekend, May 28- 30, from 12 to 5 p.m. Our volunteers sort donations throughout the year to find the collectible titles and we have them evaluated by an expert for value and condition. Choose from a selection of titles and a range of prices.



Celebrate Cannon Beach's Spring Unveiling Arts Festival by enjoying a beautiful selection at our **Spring Unveiling Art and Music Book Sale**. Books will be available for purchase during regular business hours, May 6 – May 14.





New Acquisitions March 2022



Fiction:

Black Cake - Charmaine Wilkerson

Booth - Karen Joy Fowler

Even the Dog Knows - Jason F. Wright

French Braid - Anne Tyler

Her Hidden Genius - Marie Benedict

How to Find Your Way Home - Katy Regan

Olga Dies Dreaming - Xochitl Gonzalez

Mystery:

A Sunlit Weapon - Jacqueline Winspear

Disorientation - Elaine Hsich Chou

Give Unto Others - Donna Leon

Murder at the Porte de Versailles - Clara Black

Non-Fiction:

A Little Devil in America - Hanif Abdurraqir

The Beauty of Dusk - Frank Bruni

The Founders: The Silicon Valley Story of
Paypal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped

Silicon Valley - Jimmy Soni

In Love - Amy Bloom

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an
American City - Andrea Elliot

Oregon and Washington's Roadside Ecology -

Roddy Scheer

Orwell's Roses - Rebecca Solnit

This is Not for You: An Activist's Journey of
Resistance and Resilience - Richard Brown and
Brian Benson

Thanks to everyone who played Rainy Day Book Bingo. We had 3 patrons cover-all, including one of our youngest, who is just 2 years old; Linda Sugano, and Mary Lloyd. Congratulations to Mary Lloyd who won the grand prize drawing for a \$35 gift certificate to the Cannon Beach Book Company.

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2022 Book Sale Schedule

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:

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Detach and Mail to: Cannon Beach Library
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