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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

Library Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 12-4 p.m.; Thurs 12-6 p.m.

**July 2022**

## Board Notes

Several issues were addressed at the June board meeting. Office Manager Jen Dixon reported that circulation numbers are back to pre-pandemic levels for most categories of materials. She also reported that so far a record 18 children have signed up for the Summer Reading Program. Board members thanked Jen and board member Peggy Thom for their great work on this program.

Claire Landrum surveyed the Desk Volunteers about their preferences about expanding Library hours. As a result of survey results, as well as patron requests, the board decided to add Thursdays, from 12 to 6 to Library hours. There are several new Desk Volunteers, which will make this possible.

Details regarding the July 4th Book Sale were discussed. Jen has spoken to the Fire Chief, who said that the folks at the Fire Department will help load and unload boxes of books during "caravan day" when books are hauled from the storage unit to the Library.

Wanda Meyer-Price reported that the Scholarship Committee had selected Margaret Neuwirth and Everest Sibony, two outstanding students, to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the upcoming academic year. Caroline Godderz and Linda Sugano also served on the Scholarship Committee. The Committee noted that there were many outstanding students and many students with financial need, and suggested that the Library increase the number of scholarships to three next year. Board members voted to do so.

Board members discussed when to begin Membership meetings again. To get things started, we will have an outdoor Membership meeting Wednesday, August 3rd, in Les Shirley Park. Members will be asked to bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair. Dessert and beverages will be provided. This will give everyone a chance to finally get together. The board also decided to begin Membership meetings in the

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## July 4th Book Sale a Success

After a two-year hiatus, the Fourth of July Book Sale came back strong, thanks to the efforts of dozens of hard-working volunteers.

Janet Bates was the coordinator for the sale, and her organizational skills and attention to detail were invaluable. For the past two years, Janet and the other members of the Pricing Committee (Melodie Chenevert, Sharron Heinrich, Amy Jones, Mary Kerwin, Nancy McCarthy, Lynn Sinclair, and Peggy Thom) have been sorting, pricing and boxing up thousands of donated books and stacking them in storage units.

Thanks to capable volunteers from the Fire Department and to Les Sinclair's skill in driving a U-Haul truck, the books were transported from storage to the Library in record time. At the Library more than 57 volunteers—long-time supporters of the Library and many new faces—unpacked and organized the books and worked as cashiers, baggers, and stockers during the four-day sale.

Thank you to everyone who made this sale a success. We couldn't have a Library without you!



## Go Birding!



Join local birding experts Hannah Buschert and Erik Ostrander for an introduction to birding. Monday, July 11, 1 p.m. at the City Park, downtown Cannon Beach on the corner of 2nd and Spruce St. Meet up under the pavilion. (Weather permitting – check our website for weather contingency.)

Presentation is part of the library's Summer Reading Program "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." All ages are welcome; children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. A limited number of binoculars will be available to share, but if you have your own, please bring them along.

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# Fall Festival September 24



Supporters of the Library, members of the community, and visitors have traditionally marked the end of summer with a Fall Festival on the last Saturday in September. On Saturday, September 24, that tradition will return.

This year's Fall Festival will include a silent auction for hotel stays, drawings for gift certificates donated by local merchants, a craft sale, and a book sale featuring holiday and how-to books.

If you would like to help make the Fall Festival a success by assisting with planning or by donating craft items please call the Library at 503.436.1391 or email [infor@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:infor@cannonbeachlibrary.org).

## Expanded Library Hours



We are expanding our library hours! Beginning July 14, we will be open on Thursdays from **12 p.m. to 6 p.m.** We chose these hours based on feedback from our desk volunteers and patrons, many of whom asked for longer evening hours, especially in the summer. Thanks to Claire Landrum who has been working hard all winter and spring to train a slate of new desk volunteers. Stop by and meet them!

### Board Notes Continued...

Library beginning in October. Attendees will be asked for proof of vaccination.

The Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 24th, in the Library. There will be a silent auction for hotel stays and drawings for gift certificates. Rance Babb, Roger Neugebauer, and Wanda Meyer-Price will approach hotel owners and local merchants about donations. Patrons will be able to buy tickets for the gift certificates and bid on hotel stays during the month of September. There will also be a craft sale, and a sale of holiday and how-to books. A NW Author Speakers Series presentation is scheduled for that afternoon.

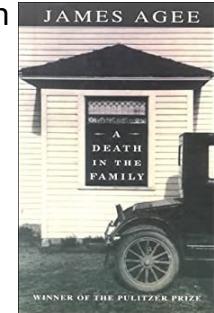


After some discussion, board members decided to take a leap of faith and plan for a Holiday Tea this December.

-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors

# Cannon Beach Reads July 20

The July selection for Cannon Beach Reads is *A Death in the Family*, by James Agee, which will be discussed via Zoom on Wednesday, July 20, beginning at 7 p.m.



*A Death in the Family* is an autobiographical novel based on Agee's own experiences as a six-year-old boy whose father is killed in an automobile accident. Agee explores the impact of his father's unexpected death on himself and on his mother, sister, and uncle. The novel is beautifully written, and in addition to being awarded a Pulitzer Prize for fiction, was listed in *Time's* 2005 list of 100 best English-language novels.

James Agee was an American novelist, journalist, screenwriter and film critic. Born in Tennessee and educated at prestigious private schools, Agee graduated from Harvard in 1932. After graduation he wrote for *Fortune Magazine*, before moving to *Time* as a book reviewer and film critic, and then to *The Nation*, where he became one of the most influential American film critics.

He eventually left *The Nation* to become a free-lance writer and screenwriter. Two of his screenplays were *The African Queen* and *Night of the Hunter*. He was plagued by alcoholism most of his adult life, and died of a heart attack at 45. Agee won a posthumous Pulitzer Prize for *A Death in the Family*. During the Great Depression, Agee, working with photographer Walker Evans, published *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, a study of tenant farm families in the Deep South. It is considered one of his most notable works.

Phyllis Bernt will lead the discussion, which will begin at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Email Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu) to get the link. The meeting is open to everyone. New members are very welcome.

## Membership Gathering August 3

It's been much too long since Library Members have gotten together. Let's change that with a gathering on Wednesday, August 3, at 11:00 in Les Shirley Park on the north end of Cannon Beach.

There won't be a speaker. This is an opportunity to catch up with one another and with what the Library has been doing during the past two years.

Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

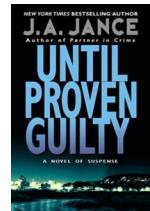


## Looking for a Good Mystery?

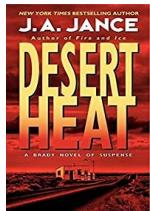


If you are looking for an author who provides readers with lots of options, check out (pun intended) J.A. Jance. Jance has published over 60 novels and 8 novellas, producing one or two titles a year, alternating across four series.

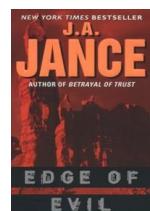
Jance began her J.P. Beaumont series in 1985 with *Until Proven Guilty*; and published the latest Beaumont novel in 2022 with *Nothing to Lose*. In 28 novels and novellas, readers see Jonas Piedmont Beaumont start as a Seattle police detective, move to the state attorney general's Special Homicide Investigation Team, and eventually retire to Bellingham. In the process he battles alcoholism, loses one partner who is killed and another partner who is disabled, and watches the murder of his fiancé on their wedding day. Through it all Beaumont is loyal to his friends, kind to crime victims, and relentless in bringing violent felons to justice.



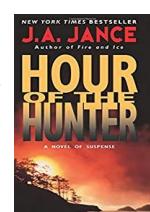
For readers who are tired of rainy Seattle weather, Jance provides the warmer climate of the Southwest. Her first Joanna Brady novel, *Desert Heat*, was published in 1993; the latest Brady novel, *Missing and Endangered*, appeared in 2021. Joanna Brady is the widow of a Brisbee, Arizona police detective who, while campaigning to be the Cochise County Sheriff, is shot to death. His widow Joanna, who is the daughter of a former sheriff, is then put on the ballot and elected as the first female to hold the job. Brady proves to be an effective and successful sheriff. She is also a successful parent; when the series begins she is the mother of a 9 year old daughter. As the series progresses, she remarries, has more children, and improves her relationship with her difficult mother—all while resourcefully and fearlessly dealing with crime in the 6,400 square miles of Cochise County.



Brady is a strong female character, as is Ali Reynolds. Jance introduced the Ali Reynolds series in 2006 with *Edge of Evil*. The most recent Ali Reynolds is *Unfinished Business* (2021). Ali Reynolds is a former TV journalist, who lost her job to a younger on-air personality at the same time her marriage was ending. Reynolds leaves L.A. and goes back home to Sedona, Arizona, where she finds herself drawn into solving crimes involving friends and family. Reynolds eventually marries a cybersecurity expert and joins him in running a high tech investigative firm.



In addition to the Beaumont, Brady, and Reynolds series, Jance also created the Walker family mysteries. The five novels, beginning with *Hour of the Hunter* (1991) and ending with *Dance of the Bones* (2015), feature former sheriff Brandon Walker and his true-crime-writer wife Diana Ladd.



## Library Awards Community Scholarships



In June the Cannon Beach Library awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two outstanding Seaside High School seniors: Margaret Neuwirth from Cannon Beach and Everest Sibony from Seaside. Margaret will begin her studies at Clatsop Community College and then transfer to a four-year college. Her academic interests are business and writing/journalism. She plans to pursue technical writing as a career, and at some point she would like to own and manage a fine cakes and pastries establishment. Everest will attend the University of Oregon in Eugene. His academic interests are foreign languages and finance, and he would like to pursue a career in finance or foreign affairs. A three-person committee made up of Linda Sugano, Caroline Godderz, and Wanda Meyer-Price made the selections using a set of pre-established criteria. A personal congratulatory letter from the Library was presented to Margaret and Everest with their scholarship award. We wish these excellent students continued academic success as they pursue their life goals.

## Story Time - We Love Animals!



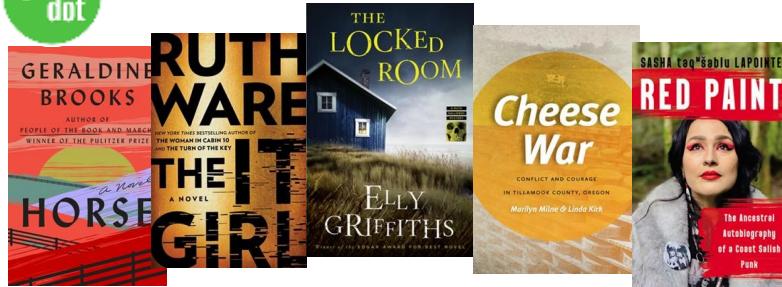
Join us for an animal-themed STORY TIME! 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13 in the library's children's room. Story Time is part of the library's Summer Reading Program



"Read Beyond the Beaten Path." Target age is pre-k to 8 years old, but all are welcome; children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.



## New Acquisitions June 2022



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### Fiction:

The Candid Life of Meena Dave -

Namrata Patel

Horse - Geraldine Brooks

Invisible Things - Mat Johnson

The Lunar Housewife - Caroline Woods

The Mutual Friend - Carter Bays

Nightcrawling - Leila Mottley

Switchboard Soldiers - Jennifer Chiaverini

The Twilight World - Werner Herzog

### Mystery:

Blood Sugar - Sascha Rothchild

Carolina Moonset - Matt Goldman

The It Girl - Ruth Ware

The Key to Deceit - Ashley Weaver

Local Gone Missing - Fiona Barton

The Locked Room - Elly Griffiths

More Than You'll Ever Know -

Katie Gutierrez

### Non-Fiction:

Cheese War: Conflict and Courage in

Tillamook County, Oregon -

Marilyn Milne and Linda Kirk

Dead in the Water: A True Story of

Hijacking, Murder, and a Global

Maritime Conspiracy -

Matthew Campbell and Kit Chelle

How to Raise an Antiracist -

Ibrahim X. Kendi

Portland in Three Centuries: The Place and

the People (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) - Carl Abbott

A Portrait of the Scientist as a Young

Woman - Lindy Elkins-Tanton

Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of

a Coast Salish Punk - Sasha LaPointe

Tree Thieves: Crime and Survival in North

America's Woods - Lyndsie Bourgon

Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism

on American Lives and on the Health of

Our Nation - Linda Villarosa

## Get Involved! Help the Library! Become a Member!

Yes! I would like to join or renew  
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Cannon Beach Library

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\$10.00 per person

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