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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

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

May 2022

## Board Notes

The board met in person for the April meeting. Appeal letter donations are still coming in, and sales from the Book Sale Room are at pre-pandemic levels.

Now that Seaside Library is once again giving us access to the national interlibrary loan network, use of Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service has increased. Office Manager Jen Dixon proposed a policy regarding patrons who do not return ILL books, or who consistently return them late.

The board agreed to file an application with the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF). The ECF was created in response to COVID. Because of the pandemic, access to the internet and other online resources became increasingly important; the ECF provides funds to increase access. The ECF has been opened to libraries, and we will apply for 5 hot spots which patrons will be able to check out.

Board members were reminded that Karl Marlantes will give the last NW Author Speaker Series talk of the year. It will be at the Coaster Theatre on Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. Plans for staffing and advertising the Rare and Old Book Sale were discussed.

The board decided to do a children's summer reading program this year. We will use the materials from IREAD; the theme this year is 'read beyond the beaten path.'

The board decided that Red Dot books (books that aren't recently published but are new to the library) will be kept on the 'Red Dot' shelf for 6 months and then shelved in the regular collection.

About half of the Membership have returned their ballots. Jen will send out a reminder email.

The backyard upgrade was discussed. The concrete slab is now ready for the installation of the bench and table. A flowering plant, which will be donated by Lynne Stuart, will be planted next to the back porch.

Board members thanked Lynne Murray Stuart for  
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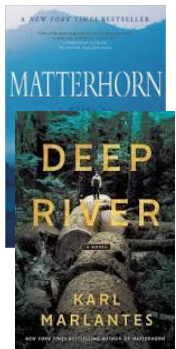


## NW Authors Series Presents Karl Marlantes



Award-winning author and Seaside native Karl Marlantes will close this year's NW Authors Speaker Series. Please join us at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse, 108 N Hemlock St., for this in-person event. Admission is free; proof of vaccination is required for entry, and masks are optional.

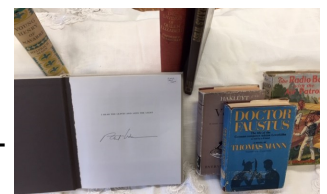
Karl Marlantes is the author of the internationally bestselling novel *Matterhorn*. His latest work, *Deep River*, is a fascinating historical fiction that explores the wild landscapes of the logging industry, canneries, and labor organizations on the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The book follows three immigrant siblings as they struggle to build a new identity while still holding on to their Finnish roots.



Born in Astoria, Marlantes grew up in Seaside and attended Seaside High School, where he was student body president. Marlantes also attended Yale University. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University and earned a master's degree. Marlantes has also received a Bronze Star, two Navy commendation medals for valor, two Purple Hearts, and 10 Air Medals.

## Rare and Old Book Sale

Don't miss the library's Rare and Old Book Sale fundraiser this Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 28 through Monday May 30, from 12 to 4 PM.



This fundraiser is returning after a two-year Covid hiatus. Donated books have been sorted to find rare and collectible titles, which have been evaluated for value and condition. Choose from a selection of titles across a wide range of prices - whether you're a serious collector, or just looking for something interesting.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Lynne Murray Stuart



Lynne Murray Stuart is retiring from the board this year. She has also served as the Board Vice President for several years. Lynne’s quick wit, graciousness, and sagacity have helped shape the board over the years. We asked Lynne to reflect on her time volunteering for the library.

### How did you become interested in volunteering for the library?

Libraries have always been important to me, and I’ve made it a habit to seek out libraries all over the world. When I lived in Scotland I went to the Edinburgh library and read all the children’s history books for a quick catch up about the country’s heroes.

### Can you tell us how you spent your career?

Before I moved to Cannon Beach I lived in Montana where I taught elementary school, worked for the state of Montana, and owned a country inn. Montana is beautiful, however the day it was 36 below zero and had snowed 100 more inches on the mountains is the day that I decided to leave. On my “town must have” moving list was a library, a coffee shop, and an ocean. Cannon Beach made the cut. Soon after I moved here, I started volunteering at the library when at the time the card catalogue was being entered into the library computer system. It was a massive project and a great time to get to know the collection and the other volunteers.

### Can you offer any advice to Board’s Vice Presidents that will follow you?

As vice president I did fill in briefly when Phyllis hurt her shoulder, however the biggest task for the Vice President is finding speakers for the membership meetings. Cannon Beach has many interesting people with unusual careers and experiences. The difficulty is just putting it all together to present them at the monthly meetings. The membership meetings tie many of the library activities together and it is an important and unique library activity.

### Is there any one library project you worked on that stands out as the most meaningful?

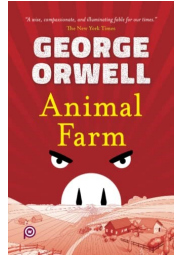
Over the years I have served on many committees and enjoyed them all, especially the Fall Festival, the Scholarship and Nominating committees. However as I reflect on my volunteer time, it was working the front

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## Cannon Beach Reads May 18

The May selection for Cannon Beach Reads is *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell, which will be discussed via Zoom on Wednesday, May 18, beginning at 7 p.m.



*Animal Farm* is an allegory about a group of farm animals who rebel against their human owners and then seek to establish a society where all animals can be equal and free. Instead, their efforts result in a dictatorship.

Orwell published *Animal House* in 1945, as a satirical critique of Joseph Stalin, who at the time was popular in the UK for fighting Nazi Germany. Orwell, a staunch anti-communist, noted that in writing the book, he had tried “to fuse political purpose and artistic purpose into one whole.”

George Orwell was the pen name of Eric Arthur Blair, a novelist, journalist and critic. Orwell’s fiction, nonfiction, and essays reflect his opposition to totalitarianism and authoritarian governments. He is perhaps best known for *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, a dystopian novel that has given us terms like ‘Orwellian,’ ‘Big Brother,’ and ‘doublethink.’

Orwell documented his experience with working class life in industrial England in *The Road to Wigan Pier*, and his experience as a soldier in the Spanish Civil War in *Homage to Catalonia*. He was also a well respected literary critic. Orwell has been described as having “uncompromising intellectual honesty” and as being the “saint of common decency.”

Arthur Broten 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 all and new members are very welcome. Cannon Beach Reads participants decided it was too early to begin in-person meetings, but hope to do so in the future.

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her years of service as a board member and board vice president, and for all she has done for the library. Lynne assured us that she will continue to participate in library activities.



-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors





## Looking for a Good Mystery?



If you have never picked up a mystery by Ann Cleeves, you are missing a good read. As newlyweds, Cleeves and her husband were the only inhabitants of a nature reserve on a small tidal island. Cleeves turned to writing as a way to deal with the isolation. And millions of readers are grateful that she did.

Cleeves produced two mystery series during the 1980s and 1990s. She wrote eight books about elderly private detectives and bird watchers George and Molly Palmer-Jones; and produced six novels featuring Northumbrian Detective Inspector Stephen Ramsay. Both series are now back in print.

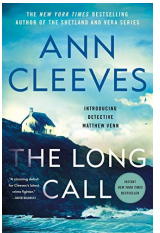
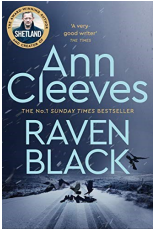
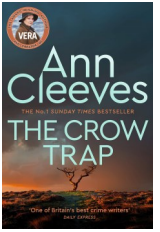
But it was in 1999 that her writing career took off, when she published *The Crow Trap*, her first novel featuring Vera Stanhope. Vera, a Detective Inspector with the Northumberland and City Police, is a gifted and driven investigator. She is socially inept, having been raised by her father, an isolated widower given to poaching and taxidermy.

Vera is frumpy and bad tempered, but despite her brusque exterior, she can be kind and surprisingly gentle with crime victims. Vera continues to be relentless and shrewd in solving complex crimes. The tenth Vera novel, *The Rising Tide*, will be published in 2022.

Cleeves created another successful series with her eight Shetland novels, beginning with *Raven Black* in 2006 and ending with *Wild Fire* in 2018. Set in the remote Scottish Shetland Islands, the novels center on Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez. Perez is gentle and soft-spoken, but intense and dedicated to solving the crimes that occur in these isolated islands. As a native of the Shetlands, Perez has the trust of the local population, who, because of the bleak landscape and isolation, are secretive and unwilling to trust outsiders.

Cleeves ended the Shetland series when her husband died, and considered ending her writing career. Fortunately she has kept on writing. In addition to a new Vera novel, Cleeves has started the Two Rivers series. *The Long Call* (2019) and *The Heron's Cry* (2021) feature Detective Inspector Matthew Venn. Venn grew up in North Devon, as a member of a strict religious sect. He rejected the teachings of the sect as a young man and left North Devon. Now Venn is back, and, in addition to serving as a Detective Inspector, he has to come to terms with his past and his family.

The Vera Stanhope, Shetland, and Two Rivers series have all been adapted to television, and can be seen on PBS and various streaming services.



### Lynne Murray Stuart Cont...

desk that was the most fun and satisfying. Spending hours at the library, engaging in conversations with the patrons about books was the best of times. Interestingly enough, one afternoon while working at the desk I reconnected with a longtime friend when she came into the library. We did not recognize each other, but when we started talking she remembered my voice. She had recently bought a beach house in Cannon Beach - a long way from knowing her years before in Montana and Utah.

### What are some things you're looking forward to in the coming years?

Now after a lifetime of working and volunteering, I am looking forward to spending all my time with my sweet new husband, spoiling our families...and reading, reading, reading.

### WOHR Library Lecture Series



Join us Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. on [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#) for the World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series. This will be the last lecture of the season. Katie Voelke, Director of the North Coast Land Conservancy, will present, "The Land Back Movement."

Katie Voelke will discuss the NCLC's extraordinary conservation projects and how they passionately work to protect Oregon's coastal lands. This journey has taken them on a path of relearning the history of land conservation in the US and its racist origins – a reconciling with the fact that conservation through land ownership has also perpetuated coastal indigenous people's land loss. Feeling kinship with the values of indigenous people's land stewardship, while understanding that land ownership also contributes to indigenous land loss, has led the North Coast Land Conservancy to seek a new world of possibilities for local conservation action.



## New Acquisitions April 2022



### Fiction:

- The Candy House* - Jennifer Egan
- The Diamond Eye* - Kate Quinn
- Four Treasures of the Sky* - Jenny Tinghui Zhang
- Lessons in Chemistry* - Bonnie Garmus
- The Mayfair Bookshop* - Eliza Knight
- The Music of Bees* - Eileen Garvin
- Sea of Tranquility* - Emily St. John Mandel
- The School for German Brides* - Aimie K. Runyon
- Tell Me an Ending* - Jo Harken
- Unlikely Animals* - Annie Hartnett
- Woman on Fire* - Lisa Barr

### Mystery:

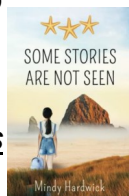
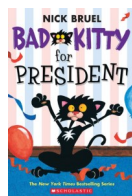
- Dream Town* - David Baldacci
- Finlay Donovan Is Killing It* - Elle Cosimano
- Magnolia Palace* - Fiona Davis
- Portrait of a Thief* - Grace D. Li
- Run Rose Run* - Dolly Parton and James Patterson
- Sacred Bridge* - Anne Hillerman
- Shadows Reel* - CJ Box
- Under Lock and Skeleton Key* - Gigi Pandian
- What Happened to the Bennetts* - Lisa Scottoline

### Non-Fiction:

- All the Frequent Troubles of our Days: The True Story of the American Woman at the Heart of the German Resistance to Hitler* - Rebecca Donner
- Fight Like Hell: The Untold Story of American Labor* - Kim Kelly
- Gathering Blossoms Under Fire* - Alice Walker
- Heart of Fire: An Immigrant Daughter's Story* - Mazie Hirono
- How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* - Clint Smith
- Learning America* - Luma Mufleh
- The Man from the Future: The Visionary Life of John von Neumann* - Ananyo Bhattacharya
- The Man Who Hated Women: Sex, Censorship, and Civil Liberties in the Gilded Age* - Amy Sohn

### Children/Easy Reader:

- Bad Kitty for President* - Nick Bruel
- Barbie Story Collection: A collection of six early readers*
- My Big Book of Beginner Books About Me* - Dr. Seuss
- The Big Book of Berenstain Bears Beginner Books* - Stan Berenstain
- Egg Marks the Spot* - Amy Timberlake
- First Day Critter Jitters* - Jory John
- Flap My Wings* - Richard Powell
- He Came with the Couch* - David Slonim
- I Had a Favorite Dress* - Boni Ashburn
- It's Raining, It's Pouring* - Kin Eagle
- Lucy the Littlest Puppy* - Holly Webb
- Manners Matter* - Emily K. Hutta
- Predator Attack!* - Katharine Kenah
- Sleep Train* - Johathan London
- Start Your Engines: 5-minute stories*
- Super Heroes Storybook Collection*



### Juvenile/YA:

- Captain Underpants and the Tyrannical Retaliation of the Turbo Toilet 2000* - Dav Pilkey
- Dickens: His Work and His World* - Michael Rosen
- How Women Won the Vote: Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, and Their Big Idea* - Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* - Vashti Harrison
- Some Stories are Not Seen* - Mindy Hardwick

### Art and Music Book Sale

Help us celebrate Cannon Beach's Spring Unveiling Arts Festival! The library's **Spring Unveiling Art and Music Book Sale** starts this weekend. Enjoy a beautiful selection of art and music books - including collectible vinyl records, music books, art books, cookbooks, gardening books, and pacific northwest art books. The sale runs May 6 – May 14 during our regular business hours.



### Annual Memberships Due

Library membership runs from May to May, which means it's time to renew. Renewal forms were sent out in this year's ballot mailing. You can also join or renew online – go to <https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/make-a-donation/>

**The 2022 Election for Board Members and Officers officially closed 5/6/22 at 5 p.m. Results will be announced to members via email, and in the next newsletter.**

**Thank you to the friends and family of Judi Pardini. She was a delightful person and we will miss seeing her in the library**