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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

March 2023

### Board Notes

The board met on February 22nd and discussed a range of issues. Board members discussed and approved the 2023-24 budget and also discussed moving the library's contingency funds to either high yield savings accounts or CDs.

Board member Roger Neugebauer presented suggestions for fundraising and increasing membership and activity in the library.

Office Manager Jen Dixon provided an update on the electrical upgrades to the building. Corroded outdoor lighting in the front of the building has been replaced and a new light has been installed at the back of the building. Jen has met with the relevant inspectors and gotten approvals for how we can replace the electrical panel and bring the electrical system up to code without having to break through walls or move doors.

The board considered several issues concerning Desk Volunteers, including whether to require Desk Volunteers to be Members of the Library, whether there needs to be a probationary period for Desk Volunteers, and whether there is a need for a policy regarding name plates. Volunteer Coordinator Claire Landrum reported on Desk Volunteer training.

It has been difficult to get volunteers to host membership meetings, partly because we got a late start planning for membership meetings after COVID. Another reason may be because we had no membership meetings for two-and-a-half years so new Members have no experience with meetings and don't know what to expect. Board members discussed what resources might be helpful to provide for meeting hosts.

The Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee reported on their progress to date. Board members provided feedback to the Committee as they continue their deliberation. Planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 5, is continuing.



*-Phyllis Bernt, for the Board of Directors*

### Writers Read Celebration

Join us Friday, March 10th at 7 p.m. for the 5th Annual Writers Read Celebration. Come to the library for refreshments and company, or watch online as we celebrate writing, reading, and Hemingway! If Ernest Hemingway arrived on the North Coast, what would he say? Talented writers from across the region have all sorts of ideas. He might: tell stories and knock back a bourbon at the Driftwood Inn; recount how a boy reeled in a seagull; discuss fishing with a youngster at the library; or describe how a 12-step program member took flight as a crow. Join us in listening to writers share these and other stories.



#### 2023 Writers Read Celebration – Writers Reading Are:

- Darrell Clukey, "The Passing Visitor"
- Celeste Deveney, "A Dog's Tale"
- Butch Freedman, "An Old Man Surfs"
- Dian Greenwood, "On First Seeing"
- Craig Allen Heath, "Papa at Cannon Beach"
- Marc Imlay, "The Young Boy and the Seagull"
- Eve Marx, "Nothing's Going to Happen"
- Steven Mayer, "Hemingway at the Beach"
- Russell Myers, "The Library"
- Jennifer Nightingale, "Papa's Bindlestiff" and "Eel Grass"
- Steve Price, "Leaving Cuba"
- Scott T. Starbuck, "Salmon Prophet"
- L Swartz, "12-Step Famous"
- James A. Tweedie, "Castaway" and "Birthday at the Beach"

### Story Time

Join us for Story Time on Saturday, April 1st at 2 p.m. Come listen to stories about the theme, "Happy, Hoppy Springtime!" Story Time is a FREE event. **Come pick up a take-home goody bag.** Target age is pre-k to 8 years old, but any age may attend. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Page 1 of 4

## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is back! The last time we gathered to celebrate the invaluable contributions our volunteers make to the library was April 3, 2019. Because of the pandemic, the 2020 luncheon was canceled, and there were no luncheons in 2021 and 2022.



We are delighted that on Wednesday, April 5, at 11 a.m. we can celebrate together once again. The luncheon will be in the Community Room of the Chamber of Commerce at 217 N. Spruce Street.

If, during this past year, you have been a Desk Volunteer, served as a member of a library committee, helped with the Rare and Old Book Sale or the Fourth of July Book Sale; provided crafts for the Fall Festival or baked goods for the Holiday Tea; helped set up or clean up after library events; stuffed envelopes; or in any other way contributed your time and talent to the library, we hope you will join your fellow volunteers for good food, fellowship, and recognition for all you have done to make the library a success.

Please help us plan for the luncheon by letting us know you will be there. Call 503-436-1391, email [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org), or **RSVP online:** <https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/events/volunteer-appreciation-luncheon-2/>

## NW Authors Series: Annelise Heinz

Join us for a presentation with author and historian Annelise Heinz Saturday, March 25th, 2 p.m. This is a hybrid event; come to the library or watch online.

Heinz will discuss her book *Mahjong: A Chinese Game and the Making of Modern American Culture*, which charts the American history of the Chinese parlor game Mahjong.

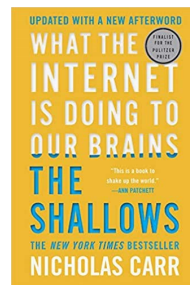
*Mahjong* is a complex journey through one game's history, as Heinz considers how individuals connect, create, and experience cultural change in their daily lives.

Annelise Heinz is a historian at the University of Oregon. Her work was featured by NPR and The Wall Street Journal and was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award in Nonfiction. She has lived and played mahjong in the United States and Southwestern China.



## Cannon Beach Reads March 15

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, to discuss “The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains,” by Nicholas Carr. This is a hybrid meeting; participants can join in person in the library or online through use of Zoom and a webcam conferencing system.



In “The Shallows,” Carr argues that, because the brain changes in response to experiences (a concept known as ‘neuroplasticity’), the use of technologies to find, store and share information can literally re-route the pathways in the brain and thus change the way we process information.

According to Carr every intellectual tool—a map, a book, a search engine—carries with it a set of assumptions about the nature of knowledge and intelligence. He argues that, while the printed book focuses attention and promotes deep and creative thought, the Internet encourages the rapid sampling of small bits of information from many sources.

As a result, argues Carr, people are becoming proficient at scanning and skimming information quickly and efficiently, but are losing the mental capacity for concentration, contemplation and reflection, a development Carr finds disturbing.

Nicholas Carr is an American author who writes thought-provoking, often-controversial books and essays about technology, business and culture. His other books include “Does IT Matter?” “The Big Switch: Rewiring the World, from Edison to Google,” “The Glass Cage: Automation and Us” and “Utopia is Creepy: and Other Provocations.”

Darrell Clukey will lead the discussion of “The Shallows” which will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, March 15, at the library. The Zoom link for those who cannot participate in person, is available from Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu). Coffee and cookies will be provided. New members are always welcome.

## Chamber Award

The library won the “Volunteer Organization of the Year” award at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce’s annual awards ceremony last month. Claire Landrum accepted the award on behalf of the Board of Directors. Congratulations to our volunteers!





## Looking for a Good Mystery?



The Miss Fisher mysteries by Kerry Greenwood are a great option for readers interested in the Roaring Twenties, intrepid heroines, and glimpses of life in Australia in the early 1900s.

Kerry Greenwood is an Australian writer who is both prolific and versatile. She writes mysteries, historical fiction, children's stories, and plays. She is perhaps best known for her Miss Fisher mysteries, featuring private detective Phryne Fisher.

In the first Miss Fisher mystery, *Cocaine Blues* (1989), we learn that Miss Fisher started life as a dirt-poor child in Australia, subsisting on rabbit meat and cabbage. After the deaths during WWI of several heirs to the family fortune, Miss Fisher's father inherits an English estate and fabulous wealth. This is the same father who wanted to name her Psyche after the princess of beauty in Greek mythology, but got confused and accidentally named her after an ancient Greek courtesan.



Miss Fisher takes good advantage of her wealth, wearing glamorous clothing, flying her own airplane, entertaining a string of lovers, and driving a racy scarlet car. Miss Fisher, who never forgets her humble beginnings, is bored with life in English high society in 1928, especially after the excitement of driving an ambulance during WWI and living a Bohemian lifestyle in Paris. When a worried friend of the family asks her to go back to Australia to help his daughter whose husband may be slowly poisoning her, Miss Fisher jumps at the chance, and sails to Melbourne where she helps the local authorities trap an abortionist and break up a cocaine ring.



In Melbourne, Miss Fisher finds her calling as a private detective, and through 21 more novels, fearlessly, but still glamorously, solves difficult cases with the help of her loyal servants and two colorful cab drivers. The twenty-second Miss Fisher mystery, *Murder in Williamstown*, was published in 2022.

## WOHR Library Lectures Series



Join us Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. for the World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series. The library lecture series will be presented in a hybrid format this year. Come to the library to watch in person, or watch online: [Facebook Live @Friends of Haystack](#). This year's Lecture Series is in memory of Sandi Lundy, a dedicated conservationist and library volunteer.

Josh McInnes from the Institute for the Oceans and Fisheries, will present "**Transient Killer Whales of the Outer Coast of Oregon and California.**" Josh McInnes will discuss why transient killer whales are important apex predators in marine ecosystems along the Pacific coast. He will offer insights into the latest findings regarding ecology, abundance, distribution, and community structure of these whales along the outer coast and offshore waters of Oregon and California.



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McInnes researches the ecology and behavior of marine mammals in British Columbia and Monterey Bay, California. His studies focus largely on the foraging behavior, diet, and ecology of transient (Bigg's) killer whales and Risso's Dolphins.

## Game Night



Our Winter Reading Challenge Board Game "Locked in the Library" ends on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and on March 25<sup>th</sup> author and historian Annelise Heinz will discuss her book about the history of Mahjong. So why not carry the game theme through to the end of the month – join us Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. for our first-ever GAME NIGHT! Meet up at the library. We'll have a good selection of games available for all ages, popcorn, and sodas. Stop by if you think you're brave enough to challenge our Office Manager in a game of scrabble!



# New Acquisitions February 2023



## Fiction:

Burner - Mark Greaney

The Chinese Groove - Kathryn Ma

Code Name Sapphire - Pam Jenoff

The House of Eve - Sadeqa Johnson

Someone Else's Shoes - Jojo Moyes

Stealing - Margaret Verble

Victory City - Salman Rushdie

## Mystery:

The Cliff's Edge - Charles Todd

Exiles - Jane Harper

Hell Bent - Leigh Bardugo

I Have Some Questions for You -

Rebecca Makkai

A Killing of Innocents - Deborah Crombie

Scorched Grace: A Sister Holiday Mystery -

Margot Douaihy

Stolen - Ann-Helen Laestadius

Storm Watch - C.J. Box

## Non-Fiction:

The Climate Book - ed. By Greta Thunberg

Feral: Losing Myself and Finding My Way in America's National Parks -

Emily Pennington

Life: A Journey through Science and Politics - Paul R. Ehrlich

Shielded: How the Police Became

Untouchable - Joanna Schwartz

People vs. Donald Trump: An Inside Account - Mark Pomerantz

## Child/Junior/YA

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale -

John Steptoe

Jackalope - Janet Stevens

Pinduli - Janell Cannon

Roller Coaster - Marla Frazee

Angelina's Dance of Friendship - Katharine Holabird

What will I do without you? - Sally Grindley

Jimmy's Boa and the Bungee Jump Slam Dunk -

Trinka Hakes Noble

Wanted--Best Friend - A. M. Monson

There's an Ant in Anthony - Bernard Most

Wait! No Paint! - Bruce Whatley

Joseph had a Little Overcoat - Simms Taback

The Moonlight Mystery - Paula Harrison

Weather or Not - Sarah Mlynowski

Daisy - Ellen Miles

My Otter Half - Michelle Schusterman

Dirt - Denise Gosliner Orenstein

Smart Cookie - Elly D. Swartz

The Escape - Kathryn Lasky

Esio Trot - Roald Dahl

The Baby-sitters Club 9, Claudia and the New Girl -

Gabriela Epstein

The Baby-sitters Club 7, Boy-crazy Stacey -

Gale Galligan

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# Quilt Raffle

Drawing  
Saturday,  
September  
30th

1 TICKET: \$1

6 TICKETS: \$5

25 TICKETS: \$20

## "Autumn Splendor"

Created and donated by Lynda Kelt Newell

Machine-stitched, Queen Size

Pattern - "Caribbean Star Fish", by Judy Niemeyer



## BUY TICKETS:

AT THE LIBRARY: 131 N Hemlock St Cannon Beach, OR

ONLINE: [www.cannonbeachlibrary.org](http://www.cannonbeachlibrary.org)

\*Due to shipping and processing, not all books may be available when this list is printed - please check at the circulation desk

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**It's that time of year! Renew your library membership today**

**Membership in the organization is different than purchasing a library card.**

Purchasing a library card gives you access to the library's resources, while membership works like a "Friends of the Library" group, and gives you a voice in the nonprofit organization that helps operate the library.

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

**Yes! I would like to join or renew  
my membership to the Cannon Beach Library  
Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per person  
Year: May 2023 to May 2024**

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**Address 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:**

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**Home phone: (        )**

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**I do not want my information published**

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P.O. Box 486  
Cannon Beach, OR 97110**

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***<https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/support-us-get-involved/volunteer-with-us/>***