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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

OCTOBER 2023

Board Notes

The September board meeting was shorter than usual because of travel and illness. A host of issues were discussed, however.

Office Manager Jen Dixon and board member Peggy Thom prepared and submitted a grant proposal to the Dorothy Louise Kyler Fund for funding to purchase children's books. Board members thanked Jen and Peggy for doing such a great job.

Last minute details about the Fall Celebration were discussed. In past years, the fall fundraiser included a craft sale. This year the craft sale will take place from early November to right before Christmas. The board also discussed progress made so far to establish a Children's Library Committee.

The appeal letter has been drafted and a cover photo selected. Volunteers will be needed November 13 and 14 to prepare the mailing. The logistics for doing Jen's evaluation were discussed.

Board members considered the pros and cons of requiring volunteers to undergo a background check. Meetings are underway to once again offer ESL classes in the Library. Work seems to have stalled again on rebuilding the Library sign in front of the building.



- Phyllis Bernt,
For the Board of Directors

Winter Craft Sale

Our fall fundraiser this year did not include a craft sale. Instead, thanks to organizers Melodie Chenevert and Sharron Heinrich crafts donated by talented volunteers will be on sale at the library from early November until December 15, just in time for holiday shopping.

Come to the library to do some gift shopping, and help the library at the same time. If you would like to donate your craft items, bring them to the library office.

NW Authors Series: Craig Thompson



Cartoonist and graphic novel author Craig Thompson will discuss his award-winning work at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

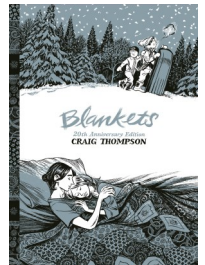
14. The program will be offered both in person at the library and online via the library's website. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

Thompson illustrated and wrote the multiple award-winning autobiography, *Blankets*, which was named Time Magazine's No. 1 graphic novel in 2003. The memoir tells the story of a young man finding a first love and emerging from a rigorous fundamentalist Christian childhood.

The Guardian newspaper said of *Blankets*: "Quaint, meditative and sometimes dreamy, *Blankets* will take you straight back to your first kiss."

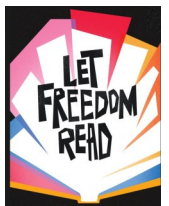
Thompson's later books, *Carnet de Voyage*, *Habibi* and *Space Dump-lins* have also won awards. His artwork for the Menomena album *Friend and Foe* received a Grammy nomination for best recording package.

Thompson was born in Michigan in 1975, and grew up in a rural farming community in central Wisconsin. As a child, he enjoyed the Sunday newspaper comics and comic books. He drew a comic strip for the college newspaper while attending the University of Wisconsin. Thompson currently lives in Portland.



Banned Book Month and Raffle

We're celebrating Banned Book Week and National Day of Action by declaring October Banned Book month at the library. Check out a Banned Book from our display, or from anywhere in the library, October 4th through 30th and be entered into our Let Freedom Read Raffle. Winners will receive a banned book-themed gift. Tickets will be drawn on Facebook Live October 31st.



Membership Meeting Nov 1

Our next Membership Meeting is Wednesday, November 1st at 10 a.m. in the library. Meeting hosts Karen French and Peggy Thom will provide light snacks and refreshments. A short business meeting will follow. Come sign up to help with the Annual Holiday Tea!

The local speaker will be Bruce St. Denis, Cannon Beach City Manager. He will speak about current events and the state of the City of Cannon Beach. All those interested in learning more about library membership are welcome.

International Day of the Girl

Celebrate International Day of the Girl on October 7th. Stop by the library from 12-4 p.m. to pick up a Rebel Girls packet. Have your Rebel Girl write a letter sharing their dreams for the future. Parents can then scan the QR code to share their address, and receive an exclusive letter back from a real-life "Rebel Girl" - women who've made a difference!



Scan with your phone

Multicultural Adventure - Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos

Join us Saturday October 28th at 2 p.m. for Story Time: Craft Studio, where we combine children's story time with a themed crafting event.

Volunteer Iolanda Ramirez will read bilingual stories followed by a lively multicultural event celebrating Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos. Wear your costumes and come make sugar skull masks, or *calaveras*. We'll also have games, snacks, and prizes!



Cannon Beach Reads October 18

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, to discuss "All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation," by Rebecca Traister. Participants can join the discussion in person or virtually through Zoom.

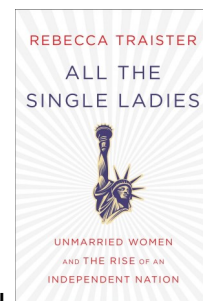
In "All the Single Ladies," Traister examines what she at first thought was a uniquely twenty-first century phenomenon in America: the large number of single women. The proportion of married women in America fell below 50% in 2009 and has continued to decline significantly, while the age at which women first marry has been steadily rising.

Traister's research, however, showed that there have been earlier periods in American history when single women were a significant portion of the population. During those periods, single women helped drive social change, including abolition, temperance and mandatory secondary education.

In addition to doing extensive historical research, Traister interviewed more than one hundred academics, social scientists and prominent single women, and considered her own experiences while being single. The result is a book that offers a thorough analysis of the social, economic, sexual and political conditions facing single women today, and that provides a historical context for those current conditions.

Critics have described "All the Single Ladies" as "informative and thought-provoking" for everyone, not just single women, and as a "remarkable portrait of contemporary American life." Traister's other books include "Big Girls Don't Cry: The Election that Changed Everything for American Women" and "Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger."

Phyllis Bernt will lead the discussion. The Zoom link is available by emailing Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu. Coffee and cookies will be provided. New members, whether in person or online, are always welcome.



Fall Celebration: Festive and Fruitful

By Roger Neugebauer

Library members, visitors, and the community observed the start of fall and the 96th anniversary of the library at our 2023 Fall Celebration. Humorous, heartfelt remarks by Mayor Barb Knop kicked off festivities, followed by a birthday cake-cutting ceremony and rousing chorus of Happy Birthday.

48 local merchants contributed gift certificates to the fundraising raffles, silent auction, and door prize drawings. Board treasurer Karen French is currently tabulating the revenues from this event, which will be used for acquiring new books and carrying out upcoming adult and children's library activities.

Wendy Cornelisen, Director of the Oregon State Library, sent a congratulatory message commemorating the library's milestone. According to her research, the library got by on less than \$200 in annual revenues in its earliest years, while circulating thousands of books. True to our origins, the library still circulates thousands of books annually on a very small budget. However, in modern times, we need much more than \$200 to keep the doors open.

Fundraising efforts like the Fall Celebration are possible because of generous merchants and talented volunteers. Thank you to everyone whose contributions and hard work make the library a success.



Photos by Bonnie Neugebauer

Free ESL Classes



Do you, or someone you know, want to learn English as a second language?

Free after-hours ESL classes are scheduled to resume at the library Thursday, October 19th. Classes will be held every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No pre-registration is necessary - just show up.

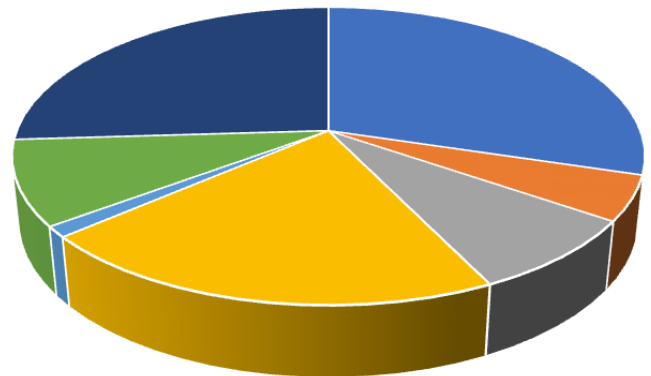
Contact us for more information or for information about free online classes available through Clatsop Community College.

The NW Authors Series sponsors the Writers Read event, featuring writers who read original stories, essays, poems, etc. on a specific theme. This year's Writers Read event will be on March 22nd. Our theme is "Beach Noir." Check your email in the next few weeks for information about the official Call for Submissions

Library Nuggets

Every few newsletters we'll include "library nuggets", highlighting circulation trends, income, expenses, and other statistical information. The chart below is an overview of the items circulated in the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year.

Circulation April 2022 - May 2023



- Adult Fiction/Mystery
- Adult Non-Fiction
- Junior Fiction/Non-fiction
- Easy/Picture
- Audio
- DVD/VID
- eBooks Adult

New Acquisitions SEPTEMBER 2023



Fiction:



- The Armor of Light** – Ken Follett
- At The Coffee Shop of Curiosities** – Heather Webber
- Chenneville** – Paulette Jiles
- A Council of Dolls** – Mona Susan Power
- North Woods** – Daniel Mason
- The Paris Assignment** – Rhys Bowen
- Red Rising Series** - Pierce Brown
- #3 – **Morning Star**, #4 **Iron Gold**, # 5 **Dark Age**
- The Square of Sevens** – Laura Shepherd-Robinson
- Traitors Gate** – Jeffrey Archer
- You are Here** – Karin Lin-Greenberg

Mystery:

- Ashes in the Snow** – Oriana Ramunno
- Blessing of the Lost Girls: A Brady and Walker Family Novel** – J.A. Jance
- Bright Young Women** – Jessica Knoll
- Code Red: A Mitch Rapp Novel** – Vince Flynn and Kyle Mills
- Holly** – Stephen King
- The Last Devil to Die** – Richard Osman
- Mother-Daughter Murder Night** – Nina Simon
- The Raging Storm** – Ann Cleeves

Non-Fiction:

- The Coming Wave: Technology, Power, and the 21st Century's Greatest Dilemma** – Mustafa Suleyman with Michael Bhaskar
- Elon Musk** – Walter Isaacson and Jeremy Bibb
- The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT, and the Fight for Women in Science** – Kate Zernike
- The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts** – Loren Grush
- Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell** – Sy Montgomery

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

Child/Junior/YA:

Colors, Activities, Places, Numbers, Plants, Animals (Bilingual) - COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS
Get the scoop, Geronimo!, Alien escape, The galactic goal, The invisible thief, The secret of the crystal fairies - Geronimo Stilton
The secret of the snow - Thea Stilton

How are you choosing what you read? Our acquisitions committee would like our patrons to fill out a short survey about how they choose new materials to read. Email your answers or mail this back. Please only consider books you choose from our library.

Reasons for Choosing a Book

- Author _____
- Title _____
- Next in a series _____
- Read a review in magazine/newspaper _____
- Saw it reviewed on TV _____
- Favorite genre _____
- Favorite historical period _____
- Read about it in Gazette column _____
- Recommended by library staff _____
- Saw it displayed in library _____
- Saw it displayed in bookstore _____
- Other: _____

You can read about the ban on "Blankets," the acclaimed graphic novel by Craig Thompson, who will be at the library on October 14th for our NW Authors Speaker Series – copy and paste into your browser: <https://cblidf.org/banned-challenged-comics/case-study-blankets/>

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