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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

December 2023

### Board Notes

Several issues were discussed at the November board meeting. Library Manager Jen Dixon reported that interlibrary loans are being used more frequently, circulation numbers look good and overdue book numbers are low.

Plans for the Holiday Tea were discussed. Board members agreed that Pam Crone is doing a great job coordinating the event. Peggy Thom described what will happen at Santa Story Time on December 16. She also reported that she and Bonnie Neugebauer brought story time to the Cannon Beach Academy during Children's Book Week; the event was well received.

Peggy and Claire Landrum reported on the Children's Library Committee. So far they are weeding the collection to make room for new titles.

The board discussed the Oregon Humanities Mini Grants for Rural Libraries program; the theme is "Fear and Isolation."

The "Buy Three, Get one Free" promotion was clarified; it will not be in effect during book sale fundraisers. The status of the sign rebuilding project was discussed.

There will be no December board meeting; any pressing business will be conducted by email.



- Phyllis Bernt,  
For the Board of Directors



In this season of appreciation and goodwill, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the library's board, members, volunteers, patrons, and visitors; to the City of Cannon Beach; and, to our local businesses. Your support ensures the library remains a cornerstone of our community. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year ahead.

### \$5000 Grant Awarded

The library has been awarded a \$5,000 grant to invest in our children's materials! The grant is awarded from the John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation's Dorothy Louise Kyler fund, which makes grants available for the purpose of adding new materials to children's collections.

Library Manager Jen Dixon and Board Member Peggy Thom worked together to write the grant. The grant's funds are being used to add books and media focused on inclusivity and diversity, including materials in foreign languages, bilingual materials, materials in Braille, and materials reflecting the experiences of various cultures, religions, marginalized groups, and BIPOC individuals. The grant also includes funds to purchase books to give children free of charge during the library's events and programs.

This January, look for a community survey seeking suggestions and input for book purchases. Processing books takes many hands; we encourage anyone interested in getting involved to contact Jen at the library's office. We are grateful for the opportunity to apply for this grant and are excited to enhance our children's offerings.

### Santa Story Time

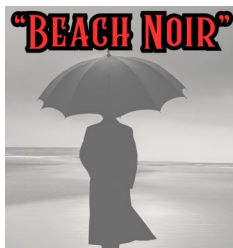


Join us Saturday, December 16 at 2 p.m. for Santa Story Time! Special appearance by Santa, who will read "The Night Before Christmas." Volunteers will read other Holiday stories and a story in Spanish. Children will receive a take-home hot chocolate pack, donated by Bruce's Candy Kitchen, and the library will provide each child with a FREE Holiday book to take home. There will also be crafting for Holiday ornaments. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

“It was a dark and stormy night....”

That may be one way to begin a story, but writers will undoubtedly find many other ways to start their submissions to the Cannon Beach Library’s Writers Read Celebration, with the theme, “Beach Noir.”



In its sixth year, Writers Read offers writers of all ages from everywhere the opportunity to write on a specific theme. All written formats will be considered (essay, story, poetry, haiku, script, etc.). The deadline for submissions is Feb. 2.

Noir fiction often takes place in a dark or foreboding setting, though the tone and descriptions can be unconventional and playful. Other elements may include flashes of humor, flawed underdog characters or a crime scene.

A panel of volunteers will select 10 to 12 works to be read by their authors during the celebration on March 22 in person at the library or via Zoom.

Authors are limited to three entries with a 600-word maximum per entry. Submissions should be in Word format. Include a separate cover letter with the writer’s name, email and phone number. Please do not include the author’s name or contact information on the entry document so authors remain anonymous to the reading panel.

Email submissions to [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org) or mail them to P.O. Box 486 Cannon Beach, OR 97110. Email is preferred.

A recording of last year’s Writers Read Celebration is available on the library’s website and YouTube.

## Holiday Books for Sale

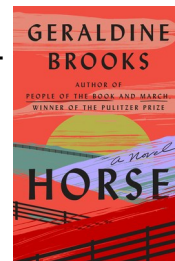
We have LOTS of Christmas and holiday books for sale, including children’s books, cookbooks, cozies, and more. Buy 3, get 1 free on all books, CDs, and DVDs.

## Craft Sale Through Dec 15

Don’t forget to stop by the library to shop for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. Our Craft Sale is going on through December 15<sup>th</sup>, during regular open hours. Thank you to all the talented volunteers who have donated crafts for the sale. Donations are still welcome anytime. All proceeds go to the library’s programs and operations.

## Cannon Beach Reads December 20

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, to discuss “Horse,” by Geraldine Brooks. Join the discussion in person at the library or virtually through Zoom.



Moving between Kentucky in 1850, New York City in 1954 and Washington DC in 2019, Brooks tells the story of a record-setting bay foal and the various people whose lives he touches across many decades, including Jarret, the enslaved groom with whom he forms a strong bond; Martha Jackson, the gallery owner who becomes obsessed with his portrait; Jess, the Australian scientist who analyzes his bones in hopes of discovering the secret to his power and endurance; and Theo, the Nigerian-American art historian who is inspired to recover the lost history of the Black grooms and riders who played a key role in the racing world.

“Horse” is based on the true story of Lexington, a record-breaking thoroughbred who, in the mid-1800’s, was America’s greatest stud sire. Critics have called the novel “a moving narrative about race and art” and “a story so powerful, reading it feels like watching a neck-and-neck horse race.”

Geraldine Brooks is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and novelist. As a foreign correspondent she covered crises in Africa, the Balkans and the Middle East for the Wall Street Journal.

Mary Kerwin will lead the discussion. The Zoom link for those wishing to participate from home is available by emailing Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu). Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. New members, whether in person or online, are always welcome.

## Free ESL Classes

LEARN ENGLISH



Free after-hours ESL classes are being held at the library every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required; just show up. All ages and language levels are welcome.

Thank you to Janet Bates and crew for organizing the beautiful holiday decorations in the library. Stop by and bask in the glow!

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## Holiday Tea

The Annual Holiday Tea was held last Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Locals and visitors gathered to share in the holiday spirit, tea, and treats. A gigantic thank you goes out to the bakers, set-up and clean-up volunteers, servers and stockers, and tea and hot spiced apple cider makers. A special thank you also goes out to library member Pam Crone, who chaired the event for the first time this year. Library member Bonnie Neugebauer took some beautiful photos to capture the moments!



Thank you Pam!



Library member Laurie St Denis donated a lovely centerpiece



Library manager's little one says the treats were the BEST



Board member Roger Neugebauer and his wife Bonnie looking festive



New and old friends



Empty plates and smiles



Our bakers outdid themselves 😊



Library member Helen Feldmeier helping out



A great time to check out the crafts at the craft sale



Board member Claire Landrum serving up the tea and cider

## Nature Talks



Join Friends of Haystack Rock Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce. Shawn Stephensen, Wildlife Biologist of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, will talk about "Pacific Northwest Seabirds and Projects on the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge." Did you know there are approximately 1.3 million breeding seabirds representing 15 species at 400 colonies in Oregon? Many of these seabird species are in decline, and the Complex is conducting scientific studies to assess populations and contributing factors to the decline. Come learn more.

## New Year Cleaning?

Does your New Year's resolution include clearing out old books to make room for new books? If so, please consider donating your used books to the library. You can drop them off anytime the library is open or leave them on the back porch if we're closed.

**Our manager will be on vacation from December 8 - December 26, so please allow a little more time for returned calls and inquiries.**



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# New Acquisitions NOVEMBER 2023

## Fiction:

*The Breakaway* – Jennifer Weiner

*Chaos Terminal* – Mur Lafferty

*The Exchange: After The Firm* – John Grisham

*The Future* – Naomi Alderman

*The General and Julia* – John Clinch

*The Helsinki Affair* – Anna Pitoniak

*The House of Doors* – Tan Twan Eng

*The Little Liar* – Mitch Albom

## Mystery:

*The Berry Pickers* – Amanda Peters

*Glory Be* – Danielle Arceneaux

*One Last Kill* – Robert Dugoni

*The Proof of the Pudding* – Rhys Bowen

*Resurrection Walk* – Michael Connelly

*The Secret: A Jack Reacher Novel* –  
Lee Child, Andrew Child

*The Secret Hours* – Mick Herron

*The Spy Coast* – Tess Gerritson

*The Watchmaker's Hand* – Jeffery Deaver

## Non-Fiction:

*Alfie and Me: What Owls Know,  
What Humans Believe* – Carl Safina

*A City on Mars: Can We Settle Space, Should  
We Settle Space, and Have We Really Thought  
This Through* – Kelly and Zach Weinersmith

*Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of  
America* - Heather Cox Richardson

*Founding Partisans: Hamilton, Madison,  
Jefferson, Adams and the Brawling Birth of  
American Politics* – H.W. Brands

*Red Reckoning: The Cold War and the  
Transformation of American Life* -  
ed. by Mark Boulton and Tobias T. Gibson



## Annual Appeal

The library's annual appeal letter was sent out last month. As our single biggest source of funds, proceeds from the annual appeal letter cover over one-third of the library's annual budget. Donations in response to the appeal letter help pay for utilities, technology, building maintenance, insurance, payroll and other expenses involved in delivering library services. Donations can be made by mail or through the library website at [www.cannonbeachlibrary.org](http://www.cannonbeachlibrary.org).

### 2023-24 Annual Appeal & Card Renewal

	Amount
Enclosed is a tax-deductible donation to the Cannon Beach Library *	\$ _____
Enclosed is \$10 to purchase or renew our library card	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

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\*Oregon residents might also be able to receive a credit on their state tax as a result of this donation as part of the Oregon Cultural Trust program. See <http://culturaltrust.org/resources/faq/> for details or contact the Library.

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