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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

**JANUARY 2024**

### Board Notes

*Happy New Year! As you think of the year ahead, we hope one of your new resolutions for 2024 includes taking advantage of the programs and services offered at the library.*



*The Board did not meet in December, but will reconvene on January 31.*

*- Phyllis Bernt,*

*For the Board of Directors*



Are you looking for something fun to do during these cold and moody winter days? Why not play our Winter Reading TRIVIA CHALLENGE! Game runs January 15th through March 22nd.

Pick up a game board from the library or download one on our website. **Boards are available for both adults and youth.** Complete each challenge (in any order) to receive a trivia question. One book counts towards one challenge. Trivia questions are given at the library circulation desk and are answered on the spot - no cell phones are allowed! Give yourself one point for an incorrect answer and 2 points for a correct answer. Cash in your points along the way to win cool prizes, listed below. The highest cumulative scores at the end wins the grand prizes!

Play online pop-up quizzes for bonus points. A link to the pop-up quizzes will be announced on Facebook and via email. Each quiz supports 20 participants, so act fast to play for a chance to win more points.

**2 POINTS:** Magnetic Bookmark

**4 POINTS:** CB Library Pen w/Stylus  
*Or* Reusable Book Tote

**8 POINTS:** Rechargeable clip-on Reading Light  
*Or* Free Book

### GRAND PRIZES:

**Membership to Cannon Beach History Center**

**\$30 Gift Certificate to Cannon Beach Book Company**

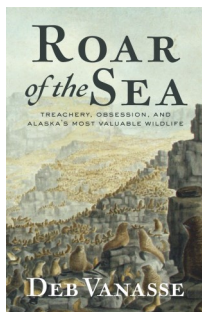
### NW Authors Series Presents Deb Vanasse

The NW Authors Series will host North Coast resident Deb Vanasse for a talk at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 20. This will be a hybrid event; participants can enjoy the talk at the library or access the livestream through Facebook or through the library's website.



Deb Vanasse is a versatile author, writing fiction, historical fiction, narrative nonfiction and children's books. She is also a freelance editor and a creative writing teacher, having taught workshops at 49 Writers, a statewide conference center she co-founded while living in Alaska, and having served on the faculty for numerous writing conferences.

Vanasse's "Roar of the Sea: Treachery, Obsession, and Alaska's Most Valuable Wildlife" was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award for Nonfiction in 2023. "Roar of the Sea" tells the story of the fur seals on the Pribilof Islands, which, a century ago, were the cause of international tensions, piracy and early environmental battles.



Vanasse's other books include "Wealth Woman," "Totem Tale," "Under Alaska's Midnight Sun," "Alaska Off the Beaten Path" and many more titles, some of which will be available for purchase, and signing, after her talk.

## Writers Read Seeking Submissions

Writers, and aspiring writers, can try their hand at creating noir literature in this year's Writers Read Celebration. In its sixth year, Writers Read asks authors to submit entries on a specific theme. A panel of volunteers judge the entries, selecting ten or twelve to be read by their authors, either in person or via Zoom, during a celebration at the library.

The theme for this year's Writers Read is "Beach Noir." The noir style is found in literature and film, and involves a dark, moody atmosphere, with cynical characters who are sometimes corrupt, and always passionate and tragic. The noir style is usually associated with gritty, urban settings, so moving noir to the beach gives authors a chance to be creative and have fun with noir style.

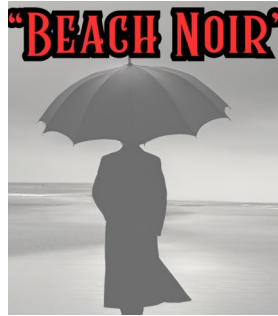
**The deadline for submissions this year is Friday, February 2.** All genres (short story, essay, poetry, script, etc.) will be accepted. Authors may submit up to three entries, with each entry limited to 600 words. Email entries in Word format are preferred but snail mail will be accepted. See the library website for further details. Our contact information is listed below.

## Membership Meeting February 7

Join us at the library Wednesday, February 7th at 10 a.m. for our first Membership Meeting of 2024. There will be light snacks and refreshments, followed by a short business meeting. Come catch up with fellow members!

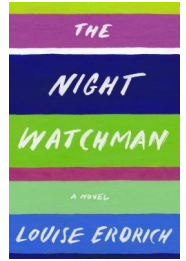
The local speakers will be CB History Center Managers Liz Scott (outreach) and Andrea Suarez-Kemp (development), to speak about the History Center and its activities, programs, and archives.

This meeting is hosted by library members Cat Wollen and Sandi Tronier. All those interested in learning more about library membership are welcome, even if you're not currently a member.



## Cannon Beach Reads January 17

Cannon Beach Reads monthly book club will meet at the library Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Night Watchman," by Louise Erdrich. Participants can join the discussion in person at the library or virtually through Zoom.



Louise Erdrich, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, draws heavily on her Native American heritage in her writing. That is certainly the case in "The Night Watchman," a novel inspired by the experiences of her maternal grandfather, Patrick Gourneau.

Thomas Wazhashk, a night watchman in the Turtle Mountain Jewel Bearing Plant in North Dakota, is also a Chippewa Council member. It's 1953 and a bill in the US Congress is being considered that would terminate the treaties between the US government and Native American tribes and would terminate the tribes themselves. Meanwhile Wazhashk's niece, Patrice (Pixie) Paranteau is determined to look for her older sister Vera, who moved to Minneapolis and disappeared.

Wazhashk's fight against the termination bill and Pixie's often perilous trip to Minneapolis illustrate both the challenges of reservation life and the dangers faced by Native Americans when they venture away from the reservation. "The Night Watchman" was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2021.

Louise Erdrich is the author of 28 books of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and children's literature. Her novel "The Round House" won the National Book Award; her novels "Love Medicine" and "LaRose" each won the National Book Critics Award for fiction. Erdrich is also the owner of Birchbark Books & Native Arts, an independent bookstore specializing in indigenous books and art.

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

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**Look for Story Times and crafting, Game Night, and Trivia Night next month! Our children's library survey will be delivered via email Jan 17.**

## Book Review: Noir Fiction

Anyone interested in experiencing traditional—not beach—noir can choose from a wealth of entertaining works. Early masters of the noir style include Dashiell Hammet (“The Maltese Falcon” and “The Thin Man”), Raymond Chandler (“The Big Sleep” and “Farewell My Lovely”) and James M. Cain (“The Postman Always Rings Twice” and “Double Indemnity”). A contemporary author who has perfected the noir style is James Ellroy, who has won critical acclaim for “LA Confidential” and “The Black Dahlia,” as well as his most recent book, “The Enchanters,” which has just been added to the library collection.

If you resolve to discover noir in 2024, check out the library’s collection, both physical books and eBooks. If a title is not available locally, ask about putting in an interlibrary loan request at the circulation desk or via our website.

## Nature Talks

Join Friends of Haystack Rock Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce for “Nature Talks: Exploring Nature’s Treasures Together.” North Coast Land Conservatory staff will present, “Living Amongst the Green Giants: From Anemones to Old Growth Trees, A Celebration of Life on the Oregon Coast.” Check their website for more information.



## Free ESL Classes

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.

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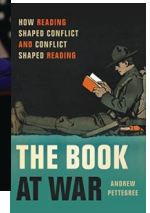
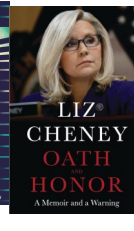
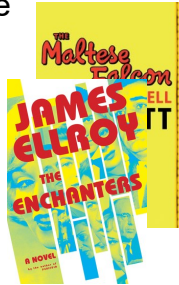
The library’s annual appeal letter is our single biggest source of funds, covering over one-third of the library’s annual budget. Donations help pay for utilities, technology, building maintenance, insurance, payroll and other expenses involved in operating a nonprofit library. Donations can be made by mail or through the library’s website.

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## New Acquisitions DECEMBER 2023

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SPINE LABEL



## Fiction:

**Absolution** – Alice McDermott

**The Enchanters** – James Ellroy

**Fourth Wing** - Rebecca Yarros

**Inheritance: The Lost Bride Trilogy, Book 1** –

Nora Roberts

**Kinfolk** – Sean Dietrich

**The Madstone** – Elizabeth Crook

**The Oxygen Farmer** – Colin Holmes

**The Porcelain Maker** – Sarah Freethy

**The Scarlet Papers** – Matthew Richardson

**The Wildest Sun** – Asha Lemmie

## Mystery:

**Betrayal: A Robin Lockwood Novel** –

Phillip Margolin

**Happiness Falls** – Angie Kim

**The Housemaid's Secret** – Freida McFadden

**The Mystery Guest: A Maid Novel** – Nita Prose

**Unnatural Death** – Patricia Cornwell

**Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers**

– Jesse Q. Sutanto

## Non-Fiction:

**The Book at War: How Reading Shaped Conflict and Conflict Shaped Reading** –

Andrew Pettegree

**Journeys with Emperors: Tracking the World's**

**Most Extreme Penguin** –

Gerald I. Kooyman and Jim Mastro

**The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicals in an Age of Extremism** –

Tim Alberta

**Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning** –

Liz Cheney

**UFO: The Inside Story of the US Government's Search for Alien Life Here - and Out There** –

Garrett M. Graff

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