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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

**FEBRUARY 2024**

### Board Notes

The January board meeting covered a range of issues. Work on the 2024-05 budget will begin soon.

The board discussed a proposal from a local artist to replace the library sign that has been missing from the area bordering Hemlock Street. The artist that had been hired to do the work was unable to complete the project.

Board members voted to require background checks for board members, for Desk Volunteers, and for volunteers who interact with children in the library on a regular basis. This would bring us in line with other non-profits in the area and with some city committees.

Manager Jen Dixon reported that the library computers need to be updated; we will ask for bids to update or replace the computers, whichever option makes the most economic sense. She also reported that the Seaside Library is willing to renew our current arrangement with them for Interlibrary Loan services. The board voted to renew.

Board member Peggy Thom updated the board on activities in the Children's Library and plans for the \$5,000 grant we received to enhance our children's collection. Plans were discussed for this year's election of board members and officers, for the February Membership Meeting, and for the April Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Karen French has graciously agreed to oversee the Luncheon again this year.

Board members discussed the details for the raffle of the donated piece of stained-glass art that will be raffled off instead of a quilt this year.

- *Phyllis Bernt, For the Board of Directors*



### NW Authors Series Presents Tove Danovich

Join us at the library or online Saturday, February 24th at 2 p.m. for a talk with author and journalist Tove Danovich.

Her book "Under the Henfluence: Inside the World of Chickens and the People Who Love Them," is an immersive blend of chicken-keeping memoir and animal welfare reporting. Danovich explores the lives of these quirky and mysterious birds, told through endearing interviews with the people breeding, training, healing, and adoring chickens. Woven with delightful and sometimes heartbreaking anecdotes from her own henhouse, she proves that chickens are so much more than what they bring to the table.

Danovich is a freelance journalist and culture reporter who has written for the New York Times, Washington Post, and many others. She now lives outside Portland, where she keeps eight chickens.



### Leap Day Game Night

How will you spend your extra LEAP DAY this year? Why not spend it having fun with us at library game night, Thursday February 29 from 6 – 8 p.m. Families, children, and adults are all welcome. We'll have a selection of games available for all ages, including board games, card games, group games, and kid's games - or, bring your own favorite. Popcorn bar from Bruce's Candy Kitchen, snacks, and drinks all provided!



### Story Time

Join us for Story Time on Saturday, February 10th at 2 p.m. The theme is "Be Mine, Valentine!" Come listen to stories about Valentine's Day in both English and Spanish. There will also be Valentine's crafting, FREE books for kids, and sweet treats. Story Time is free; best for ages pre-k to 8, but all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## New Sign Update

The large west-facing sign in front of the library has been down for well over a year while it was being restored by an artist in Astoria. There were several issues with the condition of the sign, and in the end the artist was unable to restore the sign.

Roshen Koshy, a local wood-working artist, has been contracted to finish the project. Partly because of the ongoing issues with the original materials, and partly because of this artist's talents, we have contracted him to build, hand-carve, letter, and seal a double-sided sign from solid cedar in the artist's preferred style, with the spirit of the library and the town in mind.

The design is very much in the same vein as the original sign, however the solid cedar will give the sign a more organic feel, be easier to maintain, last much longer, and weather beautifully. The carved lettering will give the sign more dimension and is designed to feel airier, and the restored book spine panels will be brightly painted on the bottom portion of the sign. Keep an eye out for the finished product in the coming months!



## Membership Meeting March 6

Join us at the library on Wednesday, March 6th at 10 a.m. for our next Membership Meeting. Meeting hosts will provide light snacks and refreshments, followed by a short business meeting. We will also be taking nominations from the floor for the library's 2024-2025 Board of Directors members and officers.

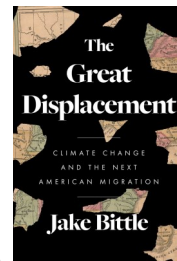
Our local speakers will be Ned Heavenrich and Ann Robben Dott, Astoria representatives of the Oregon-Costa Rica Partners of the Americas, to speak about the program – its activities, locations, benefits, and annual hosting needs.

All those interested in learning more about library membership are welcome, even if you're not currently a member!



## Cannon Beach Reads January 17

The Cannon Beach Reads monthly book club meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, to discuss "The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration," by Jake Bittle. This will be a hybrid meeting with participants able to join the discussion in person at the library or virtually from home.



In "The Great Displacement," Bittle argues that climate change has already begun to cause what he thinks will be the greatest migration in American history, as people lose their homes and communities are destroyed by fires, floods and extreme weather.

According to Bittle, the impact of these natural disasters is exacerbated by government policies, insurance provisions and the vagaries of the housing market. He strengthens his argument with storytelling, recounting the experiences of people displaced by fires in California, drought in Arizona and floods in Louisiana.

"The Great Displacement" has been described as "urgent, perceptive...a simultaneously fascinating and unnerving report brilliantly delivered." It has been shortlisted for the 2024 Carnegie Medal for Excellence.

Jake Bittle covers climate issues as a staff writer for Grist, a nonprofit media organization dealing with issues of climate change. His work has appeared in The New York Times, Harper's, The Guardian, New York Magazine and other publications.

Joe Bernt 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.

## Children's Library Books Survey

We were recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to diversify our children's library materials. As part of our commitment to involve our library community, we are seeking input regarding our children's materials. You can still take a few moments to fill out this short survey:

ENGLISH: <https://forms.office.com/r/HMUFTc3SBM>

ESPAÑOL: <https://forms.office.com/r/HtUuZGUv1B>

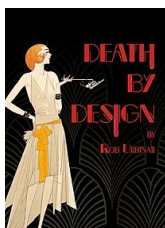
Survey closes on February 14.

## Playwriting Workshop

The Cannon Beach Library and the Coaster Theatre Playhouse will cohost an informal workshop with playwright Rob Urbanati on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 5pm. Rob will discuss the craft of playwriting, with a focus on developing ideas for plays, adapting for the stage from other sources, and getting started by writing a 10-minute play. This is a free event open to anyone interested in beginning or furthering their aspirations as a playwright.

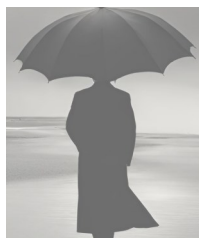


Rob will be in residence at the Coaster Theatre to complement the second weekend of his play *Death by Design*, a hilarious mystery mash-up described as “the intricate plotting of Agatha Christie meets the brilliant wit of Noel Coward.” *Death by Design* runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Coaster Theatre Playhouse in Cannon Beach.



## 2024 Writers Read Celebration

Call for Submissions for the 2024 Writers Read Celebration has officially closed! We received a record-breaking 79 submissions for this year’s theme “Beach Noir.” Submissions came in from writers all over the region, and ranged from flash fiction to poetry and short plays. Judges have chosen 15 authors to read their works at this year’s celebration. All writers will be notified of the status of their submissions next week.



Come to the library for refreshments or watch from home online Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m., as we celebrate writing, reading, and noir mystery.

## 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.

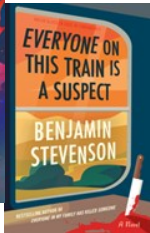
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## New Acquisitions JANUARY 2023

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GREEN DOTS  
ON THE  
SPINE LABEL



### Fiction:

- The Bee Sting* – Paul Murray
- Beautyland* – Marie-Helene Bertino
- Cold Victory* – Karl Marlantes
- The Curse of Pietro Houdini* – Derek B. Miller
- Familia: A Riveting and Unforgettable Novel of Sisterhood* – Lauren Rico
- First Lie Wins* – Ashley Elston
- The Heiress* - Rachel Hawkins
- Mercury* – Amy Jo Burns

### Mystery:

- Anna O* – Matthew Blake
- Everyone on This Train is a Suspect* – Benjamin Stevenson
- The Expectant Detectives* – Kat Ailes
- The Fury* – Alex Michaelides
- Holmes, Marple and Poe* – James Patterson
- Random in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel* – J.D. Robb
- The Wharton Plot* – Mariah Fredericks

### Non-Fiction:

- The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year* – Margaret Renkl
- How Migration Really Works: The Facts about the Most Divisive Issue in Politics* – Hein de Haas
- Rental Person Who Does Nothing: A Memoir* - Shoji Morimoto
- The Showman: Inside the Invasion that Shook the World and Made a Leader of Volodymyr Zelensky* - Simon Shuster
- Treaty Justice: The Northwest Tribes, the Bold Decision, and the Recognition of Fishing Rights* – Charles Wilkinson

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



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 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 reading challenge (in any order) to receive a literary-themed trivia question. 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 win 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. Here's the link to the first online quiz:

**QUIZ LINK:**  
[crowd.live/OLC2P](http://crowd.live/OLC2P)

**QUIZ GAME CODE:**  
**OLC2P**

**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**

## **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 Marine Coordinator Angela Whitlock and Executive Director Katie Voelke will present, "Living Amongst the Green Giants: From Anemones to Old Growth Trees, A Celebration of Life on the Oregon Coast."



The Oregon Coast is home to some of the most immense life forces on the planet. The NCLC works to protect and care for this rare and wonderful place and its vast biodiversity. Enjoy an evening of celebrating life among these lands and waters, and learn more about the incredible impacts of local conservation.

February is Black History Month, and we're celebrating by displaying books by black authors and about black issues. "Check it out!"

