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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

**MARCH 2024**

### Board Notes

The February board meeting covered a wide range of issues. The board approved the 2024-25 budget, which was developed by Karen French, Roger Neugebauer, Tammy Stewart and Phyllis Bernt.

Library Manager Jen Dixon provided an update on the renovation of the library sign, the status of the library computers, and progress on background checks.

The nominating committee reported on the slate of candidates that will be presented at the March Membership meeting.

Plans for the Volunteer Appreciation on April 3 were discussed. The upcoming membership directory was discussed. After several years, Karen French has decided to step back from creating the directory. Caroline Godderz will be taking over that task. Board members agreed the directory should continue to be print, not digital, and discussed mailing the directory to members.

Amy Jones and Tammy Stewart will be filling vacancies on the Endowment Committee. The board approved a proposal from English Gardener for cleaning up and planting the area right behind the building. Claire Landrum will contact the City about advice regarding a tree on library property that is leaning over the handicapped parking spot in the bank lot.

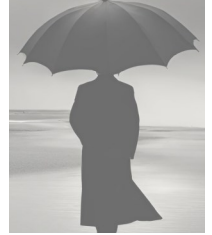
Peggy Thom reported on the success of the Valentine's Day themed story time. She also reported on some of the books she has purchased with the children's library grant funds. Board members are grateful to Marty Kennedy for doing such a great job repairing the broken bookshelf unit. There was a preliminary discussion about options for replacing the aging carpeting in the main library room; Roger and Amy will explore options. Discussions will begin about plans for future library services and needs.



- Phyllis Bernt,  
For the Board of Directors

### NW Authors Series Presents Writers Read

The 6th Annual Writers Read Celebration will be held on Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Sixteen talented writers will share their works on the theme, "Beach Noir." From the melancholy to the humorous, hear stories about a ghostly bartender, crustaceans to die for, slovenly detectives, and more – as we celebrate writing, reading, and noir mystery! Join the livestream from our website and Facebook page, or come to the library for refreshments.



#### 2024 Writers Reading are:

- Kyra Blank** – *StayAlive* (Poem)
- Brad Buckley** – *Dark Green Waves* (Short Story)
- John D. Ciminello** – *Bonnie and Mr. Clyde* (Short Story)
- Kristin Daemon** – *A Punishing Place* (Flash Fiction)
- Destiny Deras** – Short Story: *Dungeness Bisporus*
- David Dillon** – Short Story: *The Knife*
- Pamella S. Gibson** – Poem: *just another beach town murder*
- Craig Allen Heath** – Short Story: *Farewell My Sandcastle*
- Mike Kloeck** – Short Story: *Lost in Limbo*
- Colleen Medlock** – Short Story: *Anniversary*
- Jennifer Nightingale** – 2 Poems: *Abandoned* and *Bistro Table*
- D. Lou Raymond** – Short Story: *The Bartender*
- Florence Sage** – Poem: *Where's the Noir?*
- James Tweedie** – Short Story: *Silhouette*
- Gregory Zschomler** – Short Story: *Sandy Shores*

### Story Time

Join us for a spring break STORY TIME at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 with "Springtime Singalong." Volunteers will read bilingual stories and children will sing songs with musician Chelsea LaFey. Participants will receive a free activity book and treat. Best for ages pre-k to 8 years old, but all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Library Trivia Night!



The spring break fun continues Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. with our first-ever Library Trivia Night. Come flex your literary chops with fellow book lovers during an evening of head-scratching questions, drinks, snacks, and PRIZES! All are welcome, whether playing as individuals or as teams. New to the area or looking to make new friends? This is also a great opportunity to meet up with others and join a team at the library.

## Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, April 3 we will celebrate National Volunteer Month by thanking our corps of volunteers with a special luncheon. The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. in the Community Room of the Chamber of Commerce at 217 N. Spruce Street. If you have contributed your time and talents to the library in the past year, we hope you will join us for fellowship and recognition for all you have done to help the library and spread a love of literacy in the community. Delicious food will be catered from The Bistro in Cannon Beach. Please call or RSVP online when invitations go out at the end of March: <https://forms.office.com/r/8kN6r1SHn5>

It's possible that we can miss someone along the way; if you've volunteered for the library (baking, making crafts, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sale, etc.) and haven't received an invitation by the end of March, please contact us.

## "Tide Pool Tales"

In lieu of our annual quilt raffle, this year we will be raffling off an amazing stained glass window, specially designed for the Cannon Beach Library by local artist Mary Schoessler.

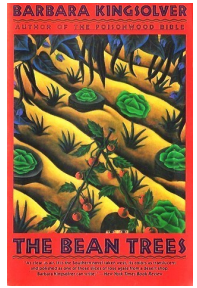


This piece features gorgeous hues and themes inspired by a love of both the beach and books. Etched glass seashells surround an octopus opening a book titled "Tide Pool Tales." This handcrafted stained glass window measures approximately 13 x 19 inches - perfect for book lovers, beach homes, or anyone looking to take a piece of the beach home, all while supporting the library!

Tickets are one for one dollar, six for five dollars, or twenty-five for twenty dollars. Tickets are available at the library and online. Plus, we will ship anywhere in the continental United States for free!

## Cannon Beach Reads March 20

The Cannon Beach Reads monthly book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, to discuss "The Bean Trees," by award-winning author Barbara Kingsolver. Participants can meet for cookies and coffee at the library or join via Zoom from the comfort of home.



"The Bean Trees" is the story of Taylor Greer, a young woman who decides to find a new and better life by leaving rural Pittman County, Kentucky, and heading west in her rickety, old Volkswagen bug. Along the way, when she stops in the middle of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma, she is given an abused, traumatized Native American toddler whom she names Turtle and decides to raise as her own.

Taylor and Turtle eventually reach Tucson, where they meet Lou Ann Ruiz, a new mother who has been abandoned by her husband; Mattie, the owner of the Jesus Is Lord Used Tires auto-repair shop; and Esperanza and Estevan, an illegal immigrant couple from Guatemala. This unlikely assortment of friends support and help one another, working around bureaucracies, economic hardship and abusive characters as they seek to improve their lives.

Critics have called "The Bean Trees," which was Kingsolver's first novel, "an astonishing literary debut," "idealistic and exhilarating" and "(a)n overwhelming delight, as random and unexpected as real life."

Barbara Kingsolver was raised in rural Kentucky, spent two years in the Congo as a young child and now lives in southern Appalachia, where she has a large vegetable garden and raises Icelandic sheep. She holds degrees in biology, ecology and evolutionary biology from DePauw University and the University of Arizona. Her 15 books include "The Poisonwood Bible," "Pigs in Heaven," "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life" and "Demon Copperhead," for which she won the Pulitzer Prize in 2023.

Lauren Wilson will lead the discussion. The Zoom link is available by emailing Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu). New members, whether in person or online, are always welcome.

## Free Playwriting Workshop

The Cannon Beach Library and the Coaster Theatre Playhouse will cohost an informal workshop with playwright Rob Urbinati on Saturday, March 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. This workshop is open to anyone interested in beginning or furthering their aspirations as a playwright.

This is a FREE event being held at the library. No registration is required; show up early to save your spot. 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.

Aspiring playwrights can learn more from Urbinati the next day, Sunday, March 24, by attending a 3 p.m. matinee performance of *Death by Design*. Urbinati and the play's director, Deanna Duplechain, will give a post-show talk and answer questions after the matinee.

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.



## 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.

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## New Acquisitions February 2024

LOOK FOR  
GREEN DOTS  
ON THE  
SPINE LABEL



### Fiction:

- The Chaos Agent* – Mark Greaney
- The Excitements* – C.J. Wray
- Good Material* – Dolly Alderton
- Martyr!* – Kaveh Akbar
- Mockingbird Summer* – Lynda Rutledge
- The Phoenix Crown* –  
Kate Quinn and Janie Chang
- The Storm We Made* – Vanessa Chan
- Termush* – Sven Holm
- Wandering Stars* – Tommy Orange
- The Women* – Kristen Hannah

### Mystery:

- The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder: A Novel*  
– C.L. Miller
- The Ghost Orchid: An Alex Delaware Novel* –  
Jonathon Kellerman
- The Lantern's Dance* – Laurie King
- The Longmire Defense* – Craig Johnson
- The Teacher* – Frieda McFadden
- Three-Inch Teeth* – C.J. Box

### Non-Fiction:

- Birding to Change the World : A Memoir* –  
Trish O'Kane
- Madness: Race and Insanity in a  
Jim Crow Asylum* - Antonia Hylton
- Our Hidden Conversations: What Americans  
Really Think About Race and Identity* –  
Michele Norris
- The War Below: Lithium, Copper, And the Glob-  
al Battle to Power Our Lives* – Ernest Scheyder
- Why We Read: On Bookworms, Libraries, and  
Just One More Page before Lights Out* –  
Shannon Reed

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



There's still time to play our Winter Reading TRIVIA CHALLENGE! **The reading challenge has been extended through March 29.**

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! Winners will be announced before our Trivia Night on Friday, March 29.

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. The final online quiz will be announced soon, so sign up for our email alerts or check our Facebook page.

**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**

It's the time of year to start thinking about renewing your Library Membership! Membership runs from May to May and dues are \$15 a year. Membership is different from having a library card - read more about it on our website:

<https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/support-us-get-involved/become-a-member/>

## Nature Talks March 13

Join Friends of Haystack Rock Wednesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce for "Nature Talks: Exploring Nature's Treasures Together." Roy Lowe will present, **"Shorebirds: Elegant Travelers on Long Distance Journeys"**



In spring, summer, and fall we see shorebirds using local beaches and estuaries as they pause to feed and rest during their long and demanding migrations. Shorebirds breeding in North America migrate extremely long distances to winter in the Southern Hemisphere on both sides of the Pacific Ocean. Some individuals visit two or three continents during their annual journeys. A new record for non-stop flight by a bird was recorded in 2022 when one individual was documented flying more than 8,400 miles nonstop from Alaska to Australia!

While shorebirds are very capable fliers their survival is dependent on international conservation efforts around the globe. Come learn more about these efforts, and how you can help.

**March is Women's History Month, and we're celebrating by displaying books by women and about women. "Check it out!"**

