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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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

MAY 2024

Board Notes

Several issues were discussed at the April board meeting. Library Manager Jen Dixon reported that Roshen Koshy is making steady progress on the library sign and hopes to have it ready by Memorial Day. The upgrade of the library computers is complete. Jen also mentioned a project to organize and clean up the library attic. Stephen Hill has volunteered his help.

The library has been very fortunate to have experienced very few incidents with unruly patrons. Now that tourist season is beginning, the board considered what, if anything, needs to be done to make sure Desk Volunteers know how to respond if faced with a problem patron.

Plans for the May Membership Meeting and Election of officers and board members were reviewed, as were plans for the art and music book sale during Spring Unveiling and for the Rare and Old Book Sale during Memorial Day weekend.

Wanda Meyer-Price reported on behalf of the Scholarship Committee that there were 29 applications for scholarships, and that the Committee will be selecting three recipients soon. Peggy Thom and Jen updated the board about this year's Summer Reading Program, which will include speakers and activities related to conservation. The program will start June 22 and run till August 24.

Linda Sugano reported that the Acquisitions Committee is formulating recommendations about the NW Collection, including what it should encompass.

Roger Neugebauer suggested that our insurance policy be examined to assure it is adequate. He also suggested that a committee be created to begin to look toward the future, including potential future library services, planned replacements of library facilities—like carpeting, and possible upgrades to the building.

The Fall Festival no longer includes a craft sale as one of the activities. Amy Jones reported that quite a

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NW Authors Series Presents: E. Lily Yu

Join us at the library Saturday, May 18th at 2 p.m. for a talk with author E. Lily Yu. Due to author's request, this will be an in-person event ONLY and won't be recorded.

Yu will discuss her novel *On Fragile Waves*, which received the 2022 Washington State Book Award for fiction and was praised by the New York Times Book Review as "devastating and perfect." Critics have described her newly released short story collection *Jewel Box* as an inventive, boundary-breaking trove of fantastical treasures.

Yu received the Artist Trust LaSalle Storyteller Award in 2017, the Astounding Award for Best New Writer in 2012, and was a finalist for the Hugo, Nebula, Locus, Sturgeon and World Fantasy Awards. Yu's forthcoming book, *Break, Blow, Burn & Make: A Writer's Thought on Creation* is a guide to creation and creativity. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Rare & Old — Book Sale —



Come explore the library's Annual Rare and Old Book Sale Fundraiser this Memorial Day weekend! Join us Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 27th through May 29th, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Sale includes rare, old, signed, and collectible adult and children's books that have been pulled from incoming donations. Choose from a diverse selection of collectible titles across a wide range of prices. Perfect for collectors, booksellers, hobbyists, resellers, and anyone looking for a special gift or to add to their own collection. Our books are priced to sell!

Don't miss out! Visit the library's website before the sale for a sneak peek of some interesting teasers.

Story Time

Join us for STORY TIME at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st. Volunteers will read bilingual (English/Spanish) stories. Come find out about our Summer Reading plans! Participants will receive a FREE book and treat. Best for ages pre-k to 8 years old, but all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank You Phyllis Bernt

Phyllis Bernt served as the library's Board President for 6 years. She led the organization through staff transitions, technology updates, a global pandemic, and more, and did it all through her own personal medical struggles. Her level-headed pragmatism and sharp-witted sense of humor helped through the tough times and her vision of what could be helped shape the future of the library. Phyllis will continue to serve as ex-officio and library volunteer. We hope to see her at the circulation desk again!

Grounds Beautification Update

A preview of our new sign, which will be up around Memorial Day Weekend. LOOK at those painted books by artist Roshen Koshy! Along with the grounds beautification done by English Gardener, our new gardening company, we look forward to bursts of color and cheer outside the library this summer.



Board Notes Continued

few supporters of the library would like to continue to have a craft sale fundraiser. The board decided to have a stand-alone craft sale from the most convenient date in November until right before Christmas.

Board Vice President Wanda Meyer-Price is leaving the board. This was her last board meeting, and everyone on the board thanked her for her many contributions during her years on the board. She will continue to be an active library volunteer.

- Phyllis Bernt,
For the Board of Directors



Cannon Beach Reads May 15

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, to discuss *The Keeper of Lost Things*, by Ruth Hogan. Participants can take part in the discussion at the library or join virtually from home.



The Keeper of Lost Things tells two parallel stories that ultimately come together at the end of the novel. The main story involves Anthony Pearde, a gentlemanly short story writer, who suffered a grievous loss when his adored fiancée was killed on their wedding day. To make matters worse, on that day Anthony also lost the medallion he promised to keep as a memento of their love for one another.

To deal with his grief, Anthony picks up lost items he finds on the street—buttons, hair ties, umbrellas—catalogs the items, writes stories about them and seeks to restore them to their owners. When he dies, Anthony leaves his house and his collection of lost things to his assistant Laura, an unhappy woman suffering the effects of a miserable marriage and bitter divorce, with the proviso that she take over the task of finding the owners of the lost things.

The secondary story involves Eunice, a warm, intelligent woman who applies for a job with a small publishing house, only to fall in love with her funny, kind-hearted, but gay, boss, Bomber. Eunice forgoes romantic love, choosing a warm, loving friendship with Bomber.

Hogan moves back and forth between stories throughout the book, until she brings them together in a perhaps too predictable, but satisfying conclusion. Along the way, Hogan introduces her readers to Sunshine, an intellectually challenged young woman with extrasensory perception; a cranky, demanding ghost; and a couple of endearing canines.

Ruth Hogan is a British author. *The Keeper of Lost Things* was her debut novel; her later novels include *The Wisdom of Sally Redshoes*, *Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel* and *Madame Bureau*.

Lorraine Hooper will lead the discussion. The Zoom link is available on the library's website or 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.

Board Election Results

Library members gathered at our Annual Membership Meeting on May 1st. 25 members voted in the board election, and the results are in:

Officers - President: Claire Landrum; Vice President: Mary Kerwin; Secretary: Tammy Stewart; Treasurer: Karen French

Members-at-Large - Pam Crone; Amy Jones; Roger Neugebauer; Linda Sugano; Peggy Thom.

Caroline Godderz was not up for reelection and will continue to serve as a member-at-large. A huge thank you goes out to retiring Board Member Wanda Meyer-Price for her many years of service. Wanda will continue to serve as a volunteer on several committees.

Summer Reading Preview

The library is the place to be for Summer Reading fun, prizes, and special events! For our theme, "Read, Renew, Repeat," we'll be encouraging summer readers to think about conservation, environmental awareness, and wildlife stewardship.

How does it work? Participants from pre-k to young adult can track their daily reading (no rules, just read!), earn badges and prizes, and enter monthly raffles for BIGGER prizes! We've lined up cool special programs for the entire summer.

Bilingual Story Times – Once a month all summer long.



June 22nd - Kickoff reception, art and plant growing program. Readers will decorate their own paint pot, plant watercress, and learn how to grow and eat their work.



July Dates TBA- Conservation month! Programs and collaborations with local conservation groups.

August 24th - Program, story time, and seahorse crafting with children's author Sara Behrman.



You don't have to live locally to participate. Please help us spread the word to parents, grandparents, and families.

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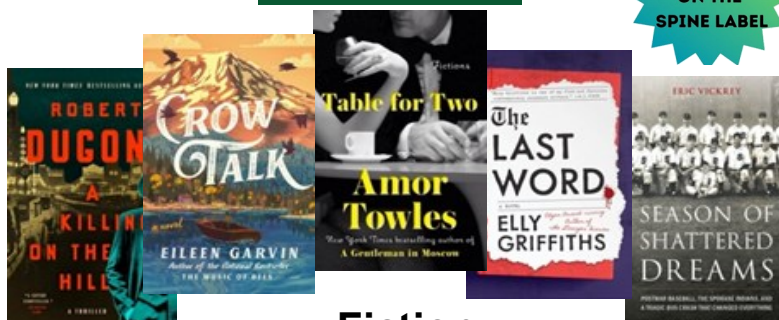
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New Acquisitions! APRIL 2024

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Fiction:

Crow Talk – Eileen Garvin

The Evolution of Annabel Craig – Lisa Grunwald

The Familiar – Leigh Bardugo

Funny Story – Emily Henry

I Cheerfully Refuse – Leif Enger

A Love Song for Ricki Wilde – Tia Williams

Ordinary Bear – C.B. Bernard

The Other Valley – Scott Alexander Howard

A Short Walk Through a Wide World –

Douglas Westerbeke

Table for Two – Amor Towles

Mystery:

A Calamity of Souls – David Baldacci

Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter? –

Nicci French

How To Solve Your Own Murder – Kristen Perrin

It Had to be You –

Mary Higgins Clark/Alafair Burke

A Killing on the Hill – Robert Dugoni

The Last Word – Elly Griffiths

Lost Birds – Anne Hillerman

Pay Dirt – Sara Paretsky

Toxic Prey – John Sandford

What Cannot Be Said – C.S. Harris

Non-Fiction:

The Believer: A Year in the Fly-Fishing Life –

David Coggins

The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War

– Eric Larson

In the Shadow of Liberty: The Invisible History of Immigrant Detention in the United States –

Ana Raquel Minian

Native Nations: A Millennium in North America

– Kathleen DuVal

Season of Shattered Dreams: Postwar Baseball, the Spokane Indians, and a Tragic Bus Crash

That Changed Everything – Eric Vickrey

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History

of the 1960s – Doris Kearns Goodwin

The Wide Wide Sea – Hampton Sides

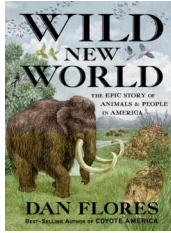
*Due to shipping and processing, not all books may be available when this list is printed - please check at the circulation desk.

Join the BIG Library Read!

Join Big Library Read, the world's largest digital book club! From May 9-23, library card holders can join thousands of others around the globe in reading Dan Flores's *Wild New World: The Epic Story of Animals and People in America*, available as an eBook and audiobook on the Libby app. Patrons can read or listen - without waitlists or holds - then discuss with others online. Told in thrilling narrative style and informed by genomic science, evolutionary biology and environmental history, *Wild New World* is sure to both educate and entertain booklovers.

For more info go to: <https://biglibraryread.com/current-title/>

Need help getting started on eBooks? Contact Jen at the library office.



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.

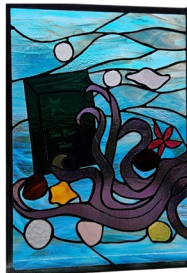


ESL students and teachers having fun learning at the library

"Tide Pool Tales"

Our annual raffle is for an amazing stained glass window, specially designed for library lovers 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 hand-crafted stained glass window measures approximately 13 x 19 inches.



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

Volunteers Needed

It's that time of year again! We're looking for "all hands on deck" to help with the Fourth of July Book Sale. It's a ton of fun, and volunteers get early access to the sale, all while helping the library raise essential funds to continue our daily operations and programming. Signup sheets, available both at the library and online, will be available soon.

Books Wanted!

Speaking of the 4th of July Book Sale, we still want your preloved and gently used books. Get your spring cleaning finished while helping the library! Books can be dropped off during our open hours or left on the back porch. Please get books to us by June 15 so our volunteers have time to process and price the incoming donations.



In Memoriam: Marney Beemer

We would like to take a moment to remember library supporter Marney Beemer. Marney passed on April 17, 2024, just shy of her 104th birthday.



Marney was a dynamic community leader, known for her initiative and ability to inspire action in both political and educational spheres. She was a loyal member of the library, and all those who knew her or had a chance to meet her, were lucky, as she was an inspiration.

Donations in her memory can be directed to the North Coast Land Conservancy or the Cannon Beach Library.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Heritage Month. We're celebrating by displaying by AAPI authors - "Check it out!"

