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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Board Talk

All my life I have loved looking up words in the dictionary. Last summer I had the opportunity to meet Calla when she came into our library with her family who were visiting from Zillah, Washington.

She was looking up words in our library unabridged dictionary. Her younger brother, Ezra, loved reading newspapers and he noticed the ones we had on the table. I asked them to come back the next day, and then I gave Calla my unabridged dictionary and gave Ezra a large stack of newspapers. They left with smiles on their faces, and I wondered about them many times during the past year.

This July 4th, after the parade, who should walk into the library but Calla, Ezra, and their parents. I was so excited to see them! Calla still uses her dictionary every day, so this time I asked her if she would like an unabridged thesaurus. She said yes! Ezra has developed an interest in PNW birds and was looking for a bird book at the sale. I told him I had some books at home he might be interested in. When we moved to Cannon Beach, I had to get several bird books because I love watching birds and didn't recognize many of the birds here.

I'm delighted to say Ezra liked the books. His family came back to the book sale and said they have already recognized birds at the creek. I can't think of anything that makes me happier than sharing my love of books, words, birds, and reading with these two wonderfully curious children. Below is a photo of Calla with her dictionary and Ezra enjoying his bird book.

- *Claire Landrum, President*
For the Board of Directors



A Beautiful Day for a Book Sale

By Claire Landrum

The 4th of July is always a special time in Cannon Beach. This year the absolutely perfect sunny day began when the four day book sale at the library started at 10:00. It continued with people lined up on Hemlock to watch the most charming local parade at 11:00. Decorated cars, trucks, wagons, trailers, bicycles, and walkers drove, walked, and danced down Hemlock. After the parade was over people rushed into the library to take advantage of the incredible bargain prices on books. Some felt they would find the best choices on the first day, while others waited until the last day when the price was \$8.00 a bag. It was a fabulous opportunity to support our local non-profit library. Thank you to all of the 56 volunteers that participated and to the Book Pricing Committee that worked hard all year to get the sale ready.

Thank You

The Board of Directors and Members of the Cannon Beach Library would like to thank our volunteers, patrons, visitors, and all those who helped make our 4th of July Book Sale a great success.

We couldn't do it without you!



Ocean Animals Month



July is Ocean Animals Month at the library! Finish a scavenger hunt in the library and receive a prize. Then, Friday July 12th at 2 p.m. join staff from the Seaside Aquarium to learn about sea creatures of all shapes and sizes! There will be a touch tank with anemones, hermit crabs, snails, and sand dollars!! All ages are welcome. Program is FREE and at the library.

Summer Reading Events 2024

It's not too late to register your kids or grandkids for Summer Reading and receive a FREE BOOK and "Read, Renew, Repeat" drawstring backpack. You don't have to live locally to participate. Help prevent "summer slide" and get those young ones reading!

How does it work? Participants from pre-k to young adult can track their daily reading (no rules, just read!), earn badges and prizes for every 7 days of reading, and then enter raffles for BIGGER prizes - Lego sets, art sets, and gift certificates to the Cannon Beach Book Company will be drawn monthly!

We've lined up special programs for the entire summer.

Saturday August 3rd 2 p.m. – Bilingual story time and crafting. Come make ocean animal collages out of recycled materials!



Saturday August 24th 2 p.m. – Program, story time, songs, music, and seahorse puppet crafting with children's author Sara Behrman.



Raffles for large prizes will be held on July 12th, August 3rd, and August 24th. We will mail prizes to winners who can't pick them up.

"Tide Pool Tales"

Don't miss your chance to own this beautiful piece. This year's 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 both the beach and the library. 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 just one for one dollar, six for five dollars, or twenty-five for twenty dollars, available at the library and online:

<https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/events-and-programs/other-fundraisers/>

We will ship anywhere in the continental United States for free!

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Cannon Beach Reads July 17

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, to discuss "Winesburg, Ohio: A Group of Tales of Ohio Small Town Life," by Sherwood Anderson.

This will be a hybrid meeting with participants able to take part in the discussion in-person at the library, or virtually from home (contact book club coordinator Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu for the Zoom link).

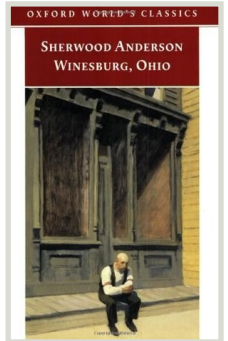
"Winesburg, Ohio" is a collection of 22 short stories about the inhabitants of that fictional, small Midwestern town. George Willard, a journalist who, as a young man, wrote for the local paper, knows their stories, and now, as an old man, remembers those unhappy, lonely souls.

When it was published in 1919, the book was panned by critics for its dark tone; depiction of small-town life as suffocating and lonely; and inclusion of sexual themes. Today "Winesburg, Ohio" is considered an American classic, taught in many English classes and, though technically not a novel, appearing on Modern Library's list of the 100 best American novels.

"Winesburg, Ohio" is considered Sherwood Anderson's masterpiece; his other short story collections, novels and nonfiction works were neither praised by most critics nor greatly admired by the public. His novel "Dark Laughter" was his only bestseller.

Anderson is, however, known for influencing younger writers like Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, William Faulkner, Thomas Wolfe and John Steinbeck with his simple writing style and emphasis on the problems of ordinary people. William Faulkner claimed that he and his contemporary American writers were "all of us children of Sherwood Anderson."

Duane Clukey will lead the discussion. Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. New members, whether in person or online, are always welcome.



ESL Classes on Break

LEARN ENGLISH

Free after-hours ESL classes are taking a summer break. Look for more information and classes to start back in September. Contact us for more information.

Discover a New Book

By Phyllis Bernt

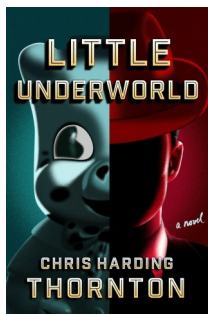
It's always a treat to discover a new author, and even more fun when that author is writing about your own hometown.

That was the case for me when I discovered a recent addition to the library's mystery titles: "Little Underworld," by Chris Harding Thornton. Thornton, who brags about being a seventh-generation Nebraskan, revisits the gritty world of Prohibition-era Omaha. Far from a wholesome, family friendly town, Thornton's Omaha is a mini-Chicago in 1930, complete with stockyards, speakeasies, illegal gambling joints, brothels, crooked cops and gangsters.

Jim Beely, a former cop who is now a minimally successful PI, goes too far in punishing the low-life who molested his teen-age daughter. To cover up his crime, Jim needs the cooperation of Frank Tvrdik, a nattily-dressed, well-spoken but crooked cop, who in return for his help, involves Jim in a scheme to discredit the Independent Federation, a group of cross-burning, anti-immigrant politicians who hope to take over the city by playing on the voters' fear of crime. What results are a series of deaths, misunderstandings and violence that make Jim and Frank both question how far they are willing to go to protect themselves and their families.

With its dark humor, snappy dialogue and quick moving plot, "Little Underworld" is an enjoyable read for lovers of the noir detective novel, for readers with an interest in the history of Prohibition, and for me, because the action takes place in the area of Omaha where I grew up a mere 30 years later, after WWII and multiple urban renewal projects had changed the city landscape.

"Little Underworld" can be found on the Green Dot shelf behind the circulation desk. Its call number is M THOR.



New Books! JUNE 2024

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ON THE
SPINE LABEL



Fiction:

Eruption – Michael Crichton and James Patterson
Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books –

Kristen Miller

Margo's Got Money Troubles – Rufi Thorpe

Red Sky Mourning: A Thriller -Jack Carr

The Sons of El Rey – Alex Espinosa

The Stardust Grail – Yume Kitasei

Summers at the Saint – Mary Kay Andrews

Swan Song – Elin Hildebrand

You are Here – David Nicholls

Mystery:

Assassins Anonymous – Rob Hart

At the River – Kendra Elliot

Clete: A Dave Robicheaux Novel –

James Lee Burke

The Comfort of Ghosts – Jacqueline Winspear

Farewell Amethystine – Walter Mosley

The Final Act of Juliette Willoughby – Ellery

Lloyd

The Midnight Feast – Lucy Foley

What You Leave Behind – Wanda M. Morris

Non-Fiction:

All the Worst Humans: How I made News for Dictators, Tycoons, and Politicians –

Phil Elwood

The Death of Truth: How Social Media and the Internet Gave Snake Oil Salesmen and Demagogues the Weapons They Needed to Destroy Trust and Polarize the World -

And What We Can Do – Steven Brill

When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion –

Julie Satow

White Poverty: How Exposing Myths about Race and Class Can Reconstruct American Democracy – William J. Barber II

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Did you know that you can search for books in our library via our online catalog, put them on hold, and we will have them waiting for you at the front desk? All you need is your patron number (don't use the "P") and a visit to our website. Ask one of our desk volunteers if you need help.

Fall Festival Teaser

It's hard to believe, but the library's Fall Festival is right around the corner. Join us Saturday, September 28th as we welcome in the Autumn season. We have some new events planned for this year, including a book and puzzle swap and both children's and adult's crafting. There will also be door prizes and goodies available.

There will be a month-long raffle for Gift Certificate Packages for local merchants, and a month-long Silent Auction for stays at five premier Oceanfront hotels.

Tickets go on sale and the auction opens Friday, August 30th. Place auction bids and purchase raffle tickets at the library. **This year, you will also be able to purchase raffle tickets online! You don't need to be present to win.**

Tickets are just 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20.

Membership Meeting Hosts Needed

We're looking for hosts for our Library Membership Meetings for the 2024-2025 season. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m., beginning in September. There are two hosts needed for each meeting, who work together to set up the library, provide light snacks and refreshments, and furnish small table decorations. It's a great way to get involved and to meet other library members. If you're interested in hosting, or just want more information, contact Jen Dixon, our Library Manager, at:

manager@cannonbeachlibrary.org.

Dates We Need Hosts:

September 4, 2024
October 2, 2024
November 6, 2024
February 5, 2025
March 5, 2025
May 7, 2025



Meeting hosts having fun at the library

July is **SUMMER READS** month at the library, and we're celebrating by displaying hot summer reads. "Check it Out!"

A graphic celebrating library volunteers. It features six polaroid-style photos of volunteers working in the library. The text reads: "What A Crew! CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS WE THANK YOU ALL!". A heart icon is drawn to the left of the text.

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A colorful promotional graphic for "Hot Summer Reads" at Cannon Beach Library. It features a sun, clouds, a palm tree, and a beach umbrella. The text reads: "CANNON BEACH LIBRARY Hot Summer Reads Check it out!".

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