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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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AUGUST 2024

Board Talk

I knew it was going to be a magical day as soon as I saw Bonnie walk through the door of the library. You never know who you are going to see, or what they will be wearing! What are the chances that two people show up dressed in the exact, although somewhat unusual, attire? The moment we saw each other we burst out laughing. Several people said, "Hey, we didn't get the memo!"

We were all at the library to watch the spectacular summer reading event featuring the Seaside Aquarium. It began with an amazing program led by Tiffany and Alyssa. Children and their parents listened quietly as the aquarium staff explained what was swimming, floating, or crawling in the icy water-filled bin that was located on the table in the children's room.

Everyone was invited to hold or touch the creatures if they were interested in doing so. There were sea stars, mole crabs, hermit crabs, anemone, and more. Excitement filled the air, and as an extra surprise, all of the children received a free pass to visit the Seaside Aquarium.

It was an outstanding success. The only thing that didn't go as planned for me was that I didn't get a chance to hold any sea creatures. I was too busy directing people traffic. Oh well, that might lead to a visit to the Aquarium in Seaside. I hear they have a baby octopus named Houdini, and he is the size of a quarter and can change colors!

Thank you to all of the volunteers that participated. Your help is always truly appreciated. A reminder - don't forget to check with your friends ahead of time to make sure you are not dressed alike for the next library event.

- Claire Landrum, President, Board of Directors



Save the Date: Fall Festival

Save the date! Usher in Autumn at the Library's Annual Fall Festival Fundraiser Saturday, September 28th from 12 to 5 p.m. This free, fun and family-friendly event promises a day filled with exciting activities for all ages, including a raffle, silent auction, book and puzzle swap, and child and adult crafting. Attendees can also look forward to fantastic door prizes and goodies throughout the day.

Raffle tickets and silent auction bids are available from Friday, August 30th through Saturday, September 28th. Place auction bids and purchase raffle tickets at the library. Tickets are just 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, or 7 for \$20. **For the first time, we are also offering online raffle ticket purchases via our website! You don't need to be present to win.**

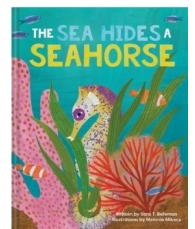
All raffle and silent auction items are generously donated by our wonderful local merchants, with every dollar raised going to support our nonprofit library.

Join us in making this year's Fall Festival Fundraiser the best yet. Come for the fun, stay for the community spirit, and leave knowing you've contributed to a great cause. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Children's Author Program

Join us Saturday, August 24th at 2 p.m. for an author program, story time, songs, and seahorse puppet craft with

children's author Sara Behrman. Her book *The Sea Hides a Seahorse* features different species of seahorses and seadragons across the world. This subtle seek-and-find story journeys underwater to provide a glimpse into the secrets of seahorses as they swim, hide, hunt, mate, and more. Books will be available for signing and purchase at the event. A portion of the proceeds from sales of *The Sea Hides a Seahorse* will be donated to support education and seahorse conservation.



Community Scholarships Awarded

By Wanda Meyer-Price for the Scholarship Committee

In June the Cannon Beach Library awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three outstanding Seaside High School students: **Augustus Reu Manhire, Ivan Mota, and Danna Silva Ortega.**

Augustus will attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo to pursue his academic interest in marine science, oceanography, and ocean conservation. Involved in music and sports in high school, and dedicated to community service, Augustus plans a career in research and education. One of his goals is to write science-based books for children on environmental challenges in our world. He has worked at Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation in Seaside for two years and has volunteered at Meals on Wheels since he was 11 years old.

Ivan will study architecture and math at Portland State University and upon graduation plans to work as an architect and build up his own business. As a student athlete who has worked all four years of high school, he still found time to become a personal trainer to other students, learn the guitar on his own, and act as an English/Spanish interpreter.

Danna, who hails from Cannon Beach, has academic interests in math and English. However, her true career passion lies in the culinary arts. She will attend the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute at Southwestern Oregon Community College in preparation for opening up her own culinary-oriented business. Also interested in teaching and mentoring, Danna honed her leadership skills through her involvement in high school student government and work at the Surf Sand Resort.

Congratulations to these students for their dedication and hard work, and we wish them well in their future endeavors.

Scholarships are awarded by a 3-person committee who read and process the applications and then make recommendations to the Board using a point-based system that includes merit, financial need, and other factors. This work is done in May and June. We're looking for one more person to fill this committee. If you are interested, please contact Jen at the library office.

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Cannon Beach Reads Meets Aug 21

By Phyllis Bernt

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, to discuss *Better: A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*, by American surgeon and bestselling author Atul Gawande.

Participants can take part in the discussion in-person at the library or virtually (contact book club coordinator Joe Bernt at berntj@ohio.edu for the Zoom link).

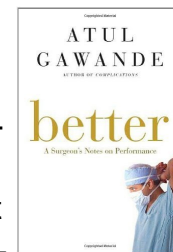
Gawande completed his medical training in 2003, and has spent the last two decades not just practicing medicine, but also thoughtfully considering its challenges and successes. He is acutely aware of the high stakes involved in medicine and the human costs that result because of poor performance or failure.

In "Better," Gawande argues that the keys to excellence in medical performance are diligence, ingenuity and doing right by patients. He bolsters his arguments with engrossing stories about surgical procedures on the battlefield in Iraq, the rise of Cesarean sections in maternity wards, polio vaccination campaigns in India, ethical arguments surrounding doctors' participation in lethal injections and the role of money in medicine.

He writes clearly, carefully and insightfully about a critical topic that affects all of us. Health care spending in 2022 in the United States totaled \$4.5 trillion. In "Better" Gawande sheds light on what is being done, and what needs to be done, so that money is spent on effective care.

Atul Gawande has written about medicine and public health for *The New Yorker* and *Slate*. His other books include *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*, *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right* and *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*. He is a surgeon, writer, teacher and public health researcher, who has practiced general and endocrine surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and is on the faculty of Harvard Medical School. He is currently the Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Lauren Wilson will lead the discussion. Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. New participants, whether in-person or online, are always welcome.



Summer Reading Raffles

Congratulations to Abyl, Ada, and Kellen, the lucky winners of our first big summer reading raffle. They took home a gift certificate to the Cannon Beach Book Company, a classic Lego set, and an art and STEM kit. Our next big summer reading raffles are scheduled for Saturday August 3rd and Saturday August 24th. The winners will be announced on our Facebook Page. Be sure to keep your summer readers reading, come in to collect badges and weekly prizes, and get those tickets in for the BIG raffle prizes!

Volunteer Spotlight

By Claire Landrum

Next time you are walking down the beach, be on the lookout for members of the WineCastlers. They are beginning their practice sessions for the Sandcastle Contest in June of 2025. One of our library desk volunteers, Wanda, is a member of the 8-person team that also includes her neighbors Dave and Karlen. They practice for months for this once-a-year event. They carry rakes, buckets, large trash cans, wheelbarrows, and carving tools down to the beach every time they practice. In June 2024 their team won 1st place in the Amateurs large group with their Tikitastic theme. The official Sandcastle Day, which is scheduled for June 21, 2025, will begin with the city excavating water holes along the shoreline to keep the designers from going into the ocean for their water. The building time starts at 10:00 a.m. and they must be finished and judged before the tide comes in. Check them out if you see them. They love to answer questions about their hobby. Or you can stop by the library and have a chat with Wanda.



Don't miss your chance to own this beautiful stained glass piece. Tickets are just one dollar and are available at the library or online. We will ship anywhere in the continental United States for free!



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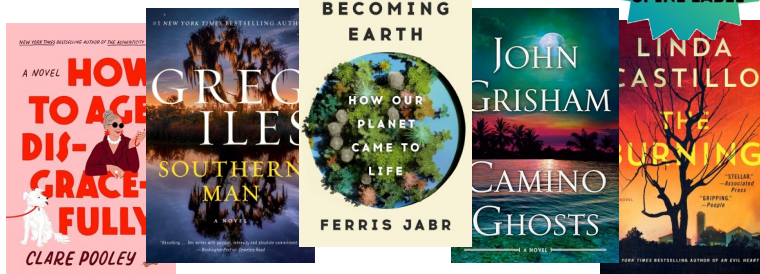
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New Books! JULY 2024

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Fiction:

- Bear: A Novel* – Julia Phillips
- The Blackbird Oracle* – Deborah Harkness
- The Bright Spot* – Jill Shalvis
- Death in Cornwall* – Daniel Silva
- The God of the Woods* – Liz Moore
- How to Age Disgracefully* – Clare Pooley
- I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons* – Peter S. Beagle
- The London Bookshop Affair* – Louise Fein
- Loot: A Novel* – Tania James
- Southern Man* – Greg Iles
- The Waters* – Bonnie Jo Campbell

Mystery:

- All the Colors of the Dark* – Chris Whitaker
- The Briar Club* – Kate Quinn
- The Burning* – Linda Castillo
- Camino Ghosts* – John Grisham
- Close to Death* – Anthony Horowitz
- Flashpoint* – Catherine Coulter
- May the Wolf Die* – Elizabeth Heider
- A Refiner's Fire* – Donna Leon
- Village in the Dark* – Iris Yamashita

Non-Fiction:

- Autocracy, Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Rule the World* - Anne Applebaum
- Becoming Earth: How Our Planet Came to Life* – Ferris Jabr
- The Immigrant Leverage: From Struggle to Strength* – G.D. Attipoe
- Imminent: Inside the Pentagon's Hunt for UFO's* – Luiz Elizondo
- Kent State: An American Tragedy* – Brian VanDe Mark
- The Missing Thread: A Women's History of the Ancient World* - Daisy Dunn
- Understanding Imperiled Earth* – Todd J. Braje

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

Discover a New Book

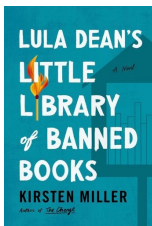
By Phyllis Bernt

Every month I check the new books for eye-catching titles. Last month the hand's-down winner was *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. When I saw that James Patterson thought the book was "[s]haping up to be this summer's Big Read," I knew I was on to something. Patterson has written more than 200 novels; he should know what makes for a "Big Read."

Lula Dean, a widow in tiny Troy, Georgia, is known as the town crank who will say anything to get attention, like making a fuss over erotic toys in Walmart. Lula's family had been the largest employer in town, until her father lost his business, leaving Lula with no claim to fame. Now she is driven by resentment at her loss of status, and by her almost pathological hatred of Beverly Underwood, the head of the school board. Beverly is a descendant of Augustus Wainwright, a Confederate general and plantation owner whose statue dominates the town square. Beverly is a pillar of the community, unlike Lula. When a teenage boy sneaks a cookbook of sexually explicit cakes into the public library, Lula sees her chance to become important, and to depose Beverly. She yanks "dangerous" books off library shelves, and runs against Beverly for school board.

To set a moral example. Lula puts up a little lending library in front of her house and fills it with "wholesome" books like *The Southern Belle's Guide to Etiquette*. Unbeknownst to Lula, Beverly's daughter replaces the books in Lula's little library with the books banned from the library, hiding them inside Lula's wholesome dust jackets. Townspeople pick up *Our Confederate Heroes*, only to find *Beloved*. Reading the banned books empowers people to change their own lives and improve the community.

Miller deals with important and timely issues—freedom of expression, racism, homophobia, the status of women, the burden of history—but she does so with humor instead of by preaching. Her characters are human, relatable, and entertaining. And the situations the characters get themselves into are sometimes sad and poignant, but just as often laugh-out-loud funny. James Patterson is right, *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* is definitely a Big Read. The book's call number is F MILL.



ATTENTION LIBRARY MEMBERS!!

For the first time this year, Library Members will receive ONE FREE ticket for the Fall Festival gift certificate raffle. Stop by the library August 30th-September 28th to claim your ticket. If you haven't already, take this opportunity to renew your current membership or become a new member.

Library Membership is only \$15 a year (May-April) and is different than having a library card. Membership works much like a traditional "Friends of the Library" group. Members elect board members and officers and are invited to seven brunch meetings per year, held at the library, featuring speakers on topics that are of interest to the community. Members receive a monthly email newsletter, notifications of events and functions, and the annual membership directory. Membership is also a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the community! We encourage you to join even if you only live in the area part-time.



**August is Nonfiction Month at the library.
Our monthly display will be highlighting
nonfiction titles - Check it Out!**

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**"Sometimes, the truth is
stranger than fiction"**

*Memoir True Crime Religion
Politics Nature Animals*

Check it out!