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## Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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**NOVEMBER 2024**

### *Lagniappe*

Don't miss this fantastic FREE experience! It's getting very close to my most favorite yearly event at the library. Our Holiday Tea is held on the first Saturday of December, and this year that date is December 7. This exceptionally delicious occasion continues from 1-4 p.m. and is an excellent way to start the Haystack Holidays celebration. Local volunteers bake and serve all of the mouthwatering goodies you could possibly want as an expression of appreciation to the community for its generous support throughout the year. It's free to everyone, whether you are a local resident, a second homeowner, or a tourist visiting our charming village for the weekend.

Each year, the Cannon Beach Library opens its doors to an almost unbelievable array of sweets, hot tea, and hot apple cider. The choices are almost infinite from lemon bars and anything chocolate, to snickerdoodles and gluten free cookies. Load up your plate with tasty treats, have a seat in front of the fire, and visit with your friends and neighbors.

We will be drawing for our stained-glass raffle at 3:30. Check out this gorgeous creation hanging in our office window. Before you leave the library to attend the Lamp Lighting Service at 4:00, be sure to check out our front door decoration and see if you can guess the Christmas song represented. I'd like to be able to give you a hint, but it is even being kept a secret from me! Hope to see you Saturday, December 7, at the library. Oh, and did I forget to mention that it is totally FREE!

- Claire Landrum,  
President, Board of Directors



### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

A rising tide lifts all boats, and for this year's Writers Read Celebration, writers will find themselves floating in ideas focusing on the theme: "Rising Tide." In its seventh year, Writers Read offers writers of all ages from everywhere the opportunity to write on a specific theme. All written formats will be considered (essay, story, science fiction, poetry, haiku, script, etc.).



The theme "Rising Tide," could flow in myriad directions: anticipation of change in a person's life, relationship or community. It could signal an approaching flood or tsunami. Maybe it brings opportunity, promise, social justice. Or, perhaps the tide rises just before a fall.

Authors may submit up to three entries, 600-word maximum per entry. Submissions should be in Word format. Writers should include a separate cover letter with their contact information, so entry documents remain anonymous. Email submissions to [info@cannonbeachlibrary.org](mailto:info@cannonbeachlibrary.org) subject line "Writers Read." A panel will select 10 to 12 works to be read by their authors during the Writers Read Celebration on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Writers can read in-person at the library or via Zoom. You don't have to live locally to participate!. The deadline for submissions is Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight.

### Holiday Craft Sale Returns

The library's Holiday Craft Sale returns starting November 15th, running through the end of December. You can help support the library! Purchase one-of-a-kind items donated by talented local crafters, just in time for holiday shopping.

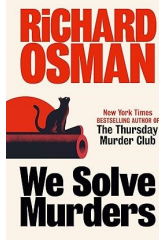
We're accepting donated crafts anytime throughout the sale. Items can be dropped off at the library during our open hours.



**INSIDE: SCHEDULE FOR THE GATHERING, CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

## Discover a New Book - By Phyllis Bernt

I love Richard Osman's "Thursday Murder Club" mysteries. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim, the quirky septuagenarian residents of the Cooper's Chase Retirement Home, are immensely entertaining as they solve equally quirky crimes.



So I was afraid of being let down when I found out Osman has created a whole new location and cast of characters in his latest book, "We Solve Murders." I needn't have worried. Osman doesn't disappoint. The characters may be younger but Osman's signature style is there to be enjoyed.

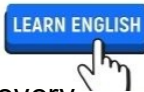
Amy Wheeler is a highly-effective bodyguard for Maximum Impact Solutions, a firm that provides security for billionaires and celebrities. Amy is quick-witted, strong, and fearless. When three of the firm's clients—all of them internet influencers—are murdered, all in close proximity to where she is working, Amy realizes that she is being set up to take the blame.

When a colleague unsuccessfully tries to kill her while she is guarding Rosie D'Antonio, a flamboyant, over-sexed, best selling novelist of indeterminate age, Amy knows she is in grave danger. Not knowing who else she can trust, Amy turns to her father-in-law Steve, a widower and retired police officer who has built a safe, limited life for himself in his English village of Axley in the New Forest. He spends his time finding lost pets, playing trivia at the local pub, and missing his beloved dead wife, for whom he records updates about his life.

Both Steve and Rosie come to Amy's aid. Calling on Rosie's wealth, Steve's detective skills, and Amy's wits, the trio jet around the globe to save Amy and solve a case involving treachery, misdirection, artificial intelligence, and money laundering.

"We Solve Murders" has Osman's trademark breezy writing style; subtle humor; unconventional, likable characters; and surprising plot twists. I look forward to reading more books about Amy, Steve, and Rosie. The call number for "We Solve Murders" is M OSMA in the Green Dot section.

## Free ESL Classes



Free ESL classes are held at the library every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. All levels are welcome. No pre-registration is required; just show up.

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# Story Time

Join us on Saturday, November 23 for bilingual stories about Native American Heritage in both English and Spanish, followed by crafting. Best for ages 0-8, but all ages are welcome.

## DINovember

Celebrate DINovember at the library! From November 13-November 30 stop by for a dinosaur-themed scavenger hunt. Dinos are on the loose in the library - find all six clues and choose something special from the prize box.



## Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Thursday, November 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. This year we're giving thanks for all of you, our supporters.

## Check it Out!

We're celebrating Native American Heritage Month all of November by displaying books that explore topics about first nations and indigenous peoples.



## Next Membership Meeting

We're taking a break for the holidays! The library's next membership meeting will be Wednesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. Vice President Mary Kerwin has lined up some great speakers for our upcoming meetings, so stay tuned. We're still looking for one host for February; contact the office if you can help.

## Stained Glass Raffle

There's just a month left! Don't miss your chance to own this gorgeous handcrafted piece. The raffle will be held during our Annual Holiday Tea. Tickets are available at the library or online. For just one dollar, you can support the library AND have this cool piece to keep or gift. Plus we'll ship anywhere in the continental US for free!



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# GATHERING

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

The Gathering, a celebration of Native American Heritage Month, returns to Cannon Beach November 8th-10th for a weekend of art, music, poetry, presentations and more. The event is produced by Cannon Beach community nonprofits, including the library, Tolovana Arts Colony, Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, and the Coaster Theatre Playhouse. All events are FREE and events at the library will also be livestreamed to our Facebook page!

The events kick off Friday night with a concert at the Coaster Theatre. With galvanizing, original folk songs, Raye Zaragoza's indigenous roots inform her artistry. Her 2020 album "Woman of Color" was recognized in NPR's "Best Protest Music" of 2020.



Then, on Saturday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. the library will host Dr. Drew Viles of the Siletz Nation and Rachel Cushman, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chinook Nation. They will present, "Natives Work: Cultural Fire and Indigenous Naming on Pacific Coast," Have lunch, and then come back for Cliff Taylor at 2 p.m.



## NW Authors Series: Cliff Taylor

At 2 p.m. the library's NW authors Series is hosting Cliff Taylor, Ponca author, storyteller, essayist, and poet focused on the Native experience. Taylor's book *The Memory of Souls* isn't just a memoir about the elders, the old culture, and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. It is also about healing, joy, and being Indian. It is the story of him stumbling into his people's ways and then finding community and home – shedding the bindings of trauma and getting his soul back. Taylor's works include *The Memory of Souls*, *The Native Who Never Left*, *Notes of An Indigenous Futurist*, and many other published essays and poems.



### Other Events:

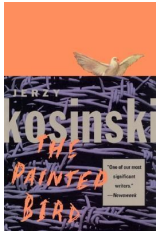
**SAT NOV 9 4:30 pm – Cannon Beach History Center**  
*"Swimming Toward the Source of Indigenous Identity"*  
Zoe Swain (Anishinaabe, Tarahumara), Pete Patton (Inuit), Cliff Taylor (Ponca)

**SUN NOV 10 12:00 noon – Cannon Beach Chamber Community Hall**  
*Tribal Lifeways: Cultural Arts and First Foods Exhibit and Demonstration:* Greg Archuleta (Grand Ronde), Ceara Lewis (Aleut)

## Cannon Beach Reads Meets Nov 20

- By Phyllis Bernt

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, to discuss "The Painted Bird," by Jerzy Kosinski. Participants can meet in-person or virtually (contact book club coordinator Joe Bernt at [berntj@ohio.edu](mailto:berntj@ohio.edu) for the Zoom link).



Kosinski tells the story of a six-year-old boy who is sent by his parents to a rural area in Eastern Europe for his own safety during World War II. The parents entrust him to the care of an elderly peasant woman who, unfortunately, dies, leaving the young boy to wander alone from village to village till the war ends.

The ethnicity of the boy is not clear, but the blond-haired peasants he meets assume he is a Gypsy or Jewish boy because of his black hair and olive complexion. The boy is met with distrust and superstitious fear, and subjected to ill treatment from virtually everyone he encounters, from ignorant peasants to violent German soldiers.

When it was first published, critics assumed "The Painted Bird" was autobiographical, and hailed Kosinski as an important witness to a horrific period in history. Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel described the book as "written with deep sincerity and sensitivity." Critics also marveled at the Polish Kosinski's excellent command of English. Some years later however, accusations surfaced that the book was a work of fiction. Kosinski, it was claimed, had survived the war with his parents, living under false identities as Christians. Moreover, some claimed that Kosinski paid to have his work translated into English. Kosinski's reputation was significantly damaged by these charges.

Kosinski stayed in Poland after the war, earning graduate degrees and teaching in Poland. He eventually emigrated to the U.S., where he worked odd jobs; graduated from Columbia; became a lecturer at Yale and Princeton; and rubbed shoulders with celebrities. His other books include "The Devil Tree," "Steps," "Being There," "Blind Date" and "Pinball." Some of his books were adapted into films.

Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. The book club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. New participants are always welcome, even if they haven't read the book.

# Volunteer Spotlight

By Claire Landrum

Whether you live here, visit annually, or want to investigate the library for the first time, the usual comment is how impressed people are with our collection of books. All of the credit goes to our volunteer acquisitions committee consisting of Linda Sugano, Mary Kerwin, Doug Sugano, and Joe Bernt.

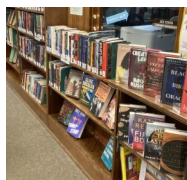
Linda and Mary are responsible for the selection of fiction and mystery books, while Joe and Doug are responsible for the non-fiction, with Doug also doing science fiction. They read book reviews, listen to podcasts about books, read journals and professional publications, and also take recommendations from our patrons.

At their monthly meeting, they each present their lists with reviews and recommendations. They discuss and question each other, and finally at the end of the day they take a vote to see what new books will be ordered for the month. When the order is received, each book has to be catalogued, labeled, and covered before they are ready for the "green dot" section (the latest and greatest). The books on the green dot shelves are monitored throughout the month to check on their popularity and circulation.

This is the third year this committee has worked together, and they all agree that their favorite part of the job is talking to the patrons, hearing what they love to read, and knowing a patron so well that you know they will be the first in line to check out the book as soon as it hits the shelves. The current list is always printed in our monthly library newsletter. Not sure where to find the green dot books? Ask our helpful desk volunteers. They will be happy to show you!



Look for the green dots!



## BLACK FRIDAY Sale

Come enjoy Black Friday and Mimosa Madness in Cannon Beach. The library will have a HUGE one-day only BOGO sale on all used books and merchandise (craft sale items excluded). Fill up on stocking stuffers for the book lovers in your life, or stock up on your own winter reads. (We won't have real libations, but we'll have Mimosa-themed bookmarks!)

## New Books! NOVEMBER 2024

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SPINE LABEL



### Fiction:

**Arkangel: A Sigma Force Novel** – James Rollins

**I'm Starting to Worry About This Black Box of Doom** – Jason Pargin

**How Does That Make You Feel, Magda Eklund** – Anna Montague

**Intermezzo** – Sally Rooney

**Karla's Choice: A John Le Carre Novel** – Nick Harkaway

**The Mighty Red** – Louise Erdrich

**Sky Full of Elephants** – Cebo Campbell

**There are Rivers in the Sky** – Elif Shafak

**We'll Prescribe You a Cat** – Syou Ishida

**The Vegetarian** – Han Kang

### Mystery:

**Bad Liar** – Tami Hoag

**The Boyfriend** – Frieda McFadden

**The Blue Hour** – Paula Hawkins

**The Grey Wolf** – Louise Penny

**Identity Unknown** – Patricia Cornwell

**The President's Lawyer** – Lawrence Robbins

**The Waiting** – Michael Connelly

### Non-Fiction:

**The Elements of Marie Curie: How the Glow of Radium Lit a Path for Women in Science** –

Dava Sobel

**Kingmaker: Pamela Harriman's Astonishing Life of Power, Seduction, and Intrigue** –

Sonia Purnell

**Meet Me at the Library: A Place to Foster Social Connection and Promote Democracy** -

Shamichael Hallman

**The Message** – Ta-Nehasi Coates

**The Paranormal Ranger: A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained** – Stanley Milford Jr.

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