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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Lagniappe

What do hedgehogs, old faded paperback books, symmetrical trees, and laughter have in common? They are all part of the library craft workshops that were held in November for the volunteers and the library board. In our effort to learn a new skill and get to know each other, three workshops were held, and we made paperback trees and hedgehogs. Through a series of paper folds, we were able to create our "art projects." A few of them are for sale in the library's craft sale that is being held in the library right now. **(Check out the photos on page 4!)**

The two best parts of the day were learning about each other and the sounds of laughter filling the library and exiting out of the opened windows. Each person shared their talents with the folded page, and many were able to finish their masterpieces in the two-hour class. Some attended a follow-up class, and others took their projects home to finish (or perhaps not). It was a truly joyous occasion and a wonderful bonding experience.

We are thinking about having another gathering in January or February to create, laugh, and share stories. I am already looking forward to planning the next get-together. Maybe it should be opened up to the community? After all, we had many locals ask about our projects when they visited the library. I had a fifth-grade teacher from Beaverton stop by and request a lesson about both the tree and the hedgehog. She is planning to teach her class how to make them. That was so exciting! I'd love to hear from Connie about how they turned out.

Since this is our last newsletter of 2024, I would like to wish everyone very Happy Holidays and a truly marvelous and prosperous New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming you into our cozy library in 2025 whether it is for an author talk, a storytelling event, to check out books, or just to stop by and visit. See you soon!

- Claire Landrum, President, Board of Directors



In this season of appreciation and goodwill, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the library's board, members, volunteers, patrons, visitors, and supporters; to the City of Cannon Beach; and, to our local businesses. Your help ensures the library remains a cornerstone of our community. Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year ahead!

Tea, Treats and Holiday Cheer

Don't miss the library's Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday December 7th at the library. This FREE community event is sponsored by members and volunteers of the library. The tea runs from 1 to 4 p.m., before the City's Annual Lamp Lighting Ceremony across the street at Sandpiper Square.

Community members and visitors are welcome to enjoy tea, hot mulled cider, home-baked cookies and other treats in front of our cozy fireplace, surrounded by charming holiday decorations. The Holiday Tea is a chance for us to come together to enjoy good food, good cheer, and good company. Come celebrate the season!

All bakers are welcome to drop treats off at the library on Friday December 6th between 10a.m. and 4 p.m. or on Saturday morning between 10 a.m. and 12

Santa Story Time



Bring the whole family on Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. for Santa Story Time! Special appearance by Santa, who will read *The Night Before Christmas*. Volunteers will read Holiday stories in English and Spanish, followed by crafting. Children will receive a take-home hot chocolate bomb, donated by Bruce's Candy Kitchen, and the library will provide children with a FREE book (while supplies last).

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



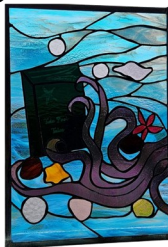
Calling all writers! This year's Writers Read theme is "Rising Tide." The theme "Rising Tide," could flow in myriad directions: anticipation of change in a person's life, relationship or community. It could signal an approaching flood or tsunami. Maybe it brings opportunity, promise, social justice.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

Authors may submit up to three entries, 600-word maximum per entry. All written formats will be considered (essay, story, science fiction, poetry, haiku, script, etc.). 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 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 7th. 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 31st at midnight.**

Stained Glass Raffle

This it is - your last chance to buy tickets for an original piece of beautiful hand-crafted stained glass! Don't miss out. Online ticket sales end at 9 a.m. on Saturday December 7th, or you can stop by the library anytime before the raffle at 4 p.m. during our Annual Holiday Tea. For just one dollar, you can support the library AND have this cool piece to keep or gift. As a bonus, we'll ship anywhere in the continental US for free!



Annual Appeal

Watch the mail for your annual appeal letter! Our single biggest source of funds, proceeds from the annual appeal letter cover **over one-third** of the library's annual budget. Donations in response to the appeal letter help pay for utilities, technology, building maintenance, insurance, programming, new books, payroll and other expenses involved in delivering library services. Donations can be made by mail or through the library website.

Cannon Beach Reads Meets DEC 18

- By Phyllis Bernt

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, to discuss *Last Call at Coogan's: The Life and Death of a Neighborhood Bar*, by Jon Michaud.

This will be a hybrid meeting with participants able to 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).

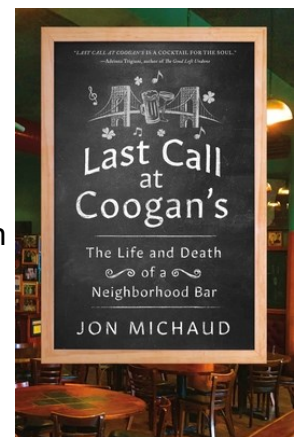
Coogan's Bar and Restaurant was an Irish bar that improbably opened in the high-crime Dominican neighborhood of New York City's Washington Heights in 1985. It closed during the pandemic in 2020.

In its 35 years of existence, Coogan's was an integral part of a multi-ethnic, majority-immigrant neighborhood that faced many challenges, suffering from the highest crime rate in NYC in the late 1980s and early 1990s, then losing many of its longtime residents because of gentrification in the 2010s.

Through it all, Coogan's provided a safe space for everyone, regardless of race, ethnic origins or attitudes toward policing. Michaud introduces the reader to the bar's owners and to some of its more lively regulars, as he explores how Coogan's created a community that was important to neighborhood residents, local politicians and celebrities like Lin-Manuel Miranda, who fought to keep the bar open despite financial challenges.

Jon Michaud is an author and librarian. He was head librarian at The New Yorker and then at the Center for Fiction before becoming the Collection Management Librarian at the Milburn Free Public Library. His debut novel, *When Tito Loved Clara*, was named a best book of the year by Barnes & Noble Review.

Mary Lloyd will lead the discussion on December 18. 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.



Discover a New Book - By Phyllis Bernt

I am a big fan of Louise Penny, so I was happy about the recent publication of her 19th book, *The Grey Wolf*.

For those who aren't familiar with Penny, she has a devoted following for her mystery series focusing on Chief Inspector Armand Gamache, a homicide detective in the provincial police force of Quebec.

Gamache seems more like a professor than a policeman. He is a kind, gentle, family man who prizes humility and understanding and is devoted to his wife, Reine-Marie. His home base is the fictional village of Three Pines, an idyllic, close-knit community an hour south of Montreal.

His family and Three Pines provide him with emotional support as he battles evil in its many forms, from crazed serial killers, to police corruption, to unscrupulous politicians, to rampant greed, to terrorism.

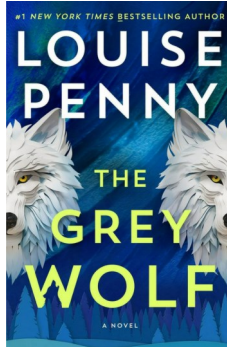
These elements are evident in *The Grey Wolf*, which begins with a peaceful Sunday in Three Pines that gets interrupted by a phone call from one of Gamache's enemies. This is the first of several confusing and peculiar events that draw Gamache into one of his most complex cases.

Someone is plotting to poison Montreal's drinking water, and Gamache and his closest allies must decipher confusing clues which take them to the Vatican, to monasteries in Quebec and France, to Washington D.C. and to the wilds of northern Quebec in a frantic effort to find and stop the culprits.

Unlike most other Penny books, *The Grey Wolf* has met with mixed reviews. While reviewers praise the novel for its timely subject matter—domestic terrorism and the attack on democratic institutions—some readers find the plot a bit too complicated.

Penny has set the stage for her next book; the last words of *The Grey Wolf* are "we have a problem." I will be waiting eagerly to read book number 20.

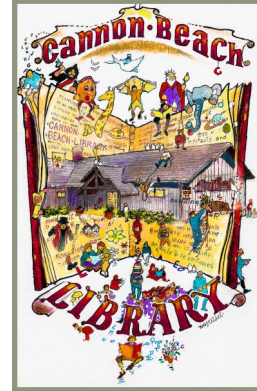
The book's call number is M PENN.



In Memoriam: Bill and Sally Steidel

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Bill and Sally Steidel. Their legacy and work were an important part of our community. The library will be closed on Saturday, December 28th so library members and volunteers can attend the memorial service.

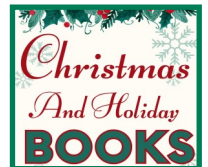
Limited Edition
Cannon Beach
Library Poster,
By Bill Steidel



Available
for Sale
\$10 at the library
\$20 by mail

Holiday Books For Sale

We have LOTS of Christmas and holiday books for sale - including children's books, cookbooks, cozies, and more. Come take a look!



The library will be closed Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday and Wednesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

Next Membership Meeting

A reminder that the library's membership doesn't meet in January. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. in the library. We're still looking for one host to help; contact the office if you would like to get involved.

Our Manager will be on vacation from December 23 - January 2, so please allow a little more time for emails, returned calls and inquiries.

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Holiday Craft Sale

The library's Holiday Craft Sale is happening now through the end of December. You can help support the library by purchasing one-of-a-kind items donated by talented local crafters, just in time for holiday shopping.

Tis the Season

It's the season of generosity, but it's also the season of those looking to take advantage. A reminder to be wary of scams; always check your emails to see who the sender is, never send money to anyone claiming to be police or other authorities, and make sure to add the library to your safe server list.

Accessibility Needs

Are you, or is someone you know, a library patron living with disabilities? If so, we want to hear from you and how you use, or why you don't use, the library. Send us an email or letter, call us, or set up a time when a volunteer can come visit with you.

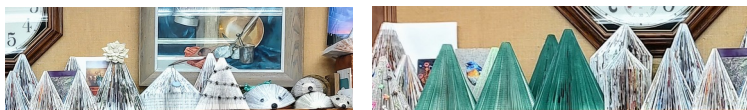


Photo Gallery:

Getting crafty with new and old friends



Finished creations!



New Books! DECEMBER 2024

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Fiction:

Agnes Sharp and the Trip of a Lifetime –

Leoni Swan

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife –

Anna Johnson

The City and Its Uncertain Walls –

Haruki Murakami

Counting Miracles – Nicholas Sparks

Eleanore of Avignon – Elizabeth DeLozier

The Secret War of Julia Child –

Diana R. Chambers

The Sunflower House – Ariana Allegri

Mystery:

The Drowned – John Banville

Ghosts of Waikiki – Jennifer K. Morita

An Insignificant Case – Phillip Margolin

Now or Never – Janet Evanovich

Those Opulent Days: A Mystery – Jacquie Pham

To Die For – David Baldacci

Tooth and Claw: A Longmire Story –

Craig Johnson

We Three Queens – Rhys Bowen

Non-Fiction:

Emperor of the Seas: Kubla Khan and the

Making of China – Jack Weatherford

The Indian Card: Who Gets to Be Native in

America – Carrie Lowry Schuettepitz

Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin,

Scientist – Richard Munson

Paper of Wreckage: The Rogues, Renegades,
Wiseguys, Wankers, and Relentless Reporters

Who Redefined American Media -

Susan Mulcahy and Frank DiGiacomo

What the Chicken Knows: A New Appreciation
of the World's Most Familiar Bird –

Sy Montgomery

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