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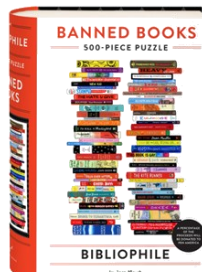
Library Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 12-4

JANUARY 2025

Lagniappe

It's the new year and the perfect time to challenge your mental muscles. I don't know if you realize this, but locals and visitors to our library love jigsaw puzzles. It doesn't matter if they are 200, 300, 500, or 1,000 pieces, they immediately fly off the shelves in our book sale room when patrons donate them to help raise money for our library. Most have been assembled only once and have come to us with the box taped and the pieces in perfect condition.

With the cold, gray days of winter descending upon us, it seems like the perfect time to work on a puzzle project. The one we will start with is 500 pieces and is based on a subject that all libraries are familiar with – Banned Books (cover is pictured here). I hope you will spread the word and stop by to enjoy our first annual winter puzzle event. If there are many avid puzzlers, and this one is finished quickly, we have a second one ready to go.



The table will be set up by Wednesday, January 15, and the library is open from 12-4 every day except Tuesday and Sunday. If you are one of the patrons that come in during the first few days, you can decide if you want to start with the edges or with the stacks of books. It seems like everyone has an opinion about how to connect the pieces. We are looking forward to seeing you in January!

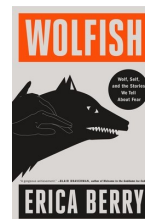
- Claire Landrum, President, Board of Directors

NW Authors Series Presents: Erica Berry



The NW Authors Series will welcome Erica Berry at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 25th. Berry received the 2024 Oregon Book Award for Creative Nonfiction for her debut work *“Wolfish: Wolf, Self, and the Stories We Tell About Fear.”*

Through a unique blend of memoir, scientific writing, ecological history, cultural history and personal narrative, Berry examines the intersection between feelings and the natural environment. She explores the ways in which humans project their fears onto wolves, while simultaneously exploring the world of wolves since their reintroduction in Oregon and California. She focuses on Wolf OR-7, a radio-collared gray wolf that migrated from the Willamette Mountains in northeastern Oregon to the southern Cascade Range. And finally, she weaves her analysis together with her own coming-of-age story, as she wrestles with inherited beliefs about fear, danger, femininity, and the body.



Erica Berry is a writer and teacher whose essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Yale Review*, *The Guardian*, *Wired* and other publications. She now lives in her hometown of Portland, Oregon, where she is a Writer-in-the-Schools and an Associate Fellow at the Attic Institute of Arts and Letters. Participate in the author's discussion at the library or watch the Facebook Livestream from home!

Winter Reading Board Game Challenge



We have even more ways to beat the rainy-day blues - play our Winter Reading Board Game Challenge! The game runs from January 13th through March 22nd. You can join anytime. Pick up a game board at the library or download one on our website. Come into the library to roll the dice, then read books and complete activities as you move across the board. Finish the game to win a GRAND PRIZE; you just might collect prizes along the way, too! All ages can play – there are game boards and prizes designed for both adults and children.

SCAM AWARE

FREE FRAUD AWARENESS
AND PREVENTION PROGRAM



Criminals are targeting our community – come learn how to protect yourself! Join us at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th with Lieutenant Christopher Wilbur of the Cannon Beach Police Department. You can't afford to miss this.

Learn about:

- Recognizing fraudulent emails, texts, and calls
- What to do if you're involved in a data breach
- What to do if your social media account is hacked
- What to do if your identity is stolen

Bring your own questions and concerns. Recording and livestream will be available. **Program is free and open to the public.**

Story Time

Bring your kids and grandkids to the library on Saturday, January 18th at 1 p.m. for a January-themed bilingual story time (Spanish/English) and BINGO! Prizes for all; Bingo game is designed for 2 to 8 year olds, but all ages are welcome.

**Please note – you made suggestions, and we listened! After receiving feedback from many parents, our story times are moving an hour earlier and will now be at 1 p.m.*

Grounds Improvements

English Gardener is continuing to make improvements and upgrades to the library grounds as our budget allows. He has planted our spring bulbs, and asks that patrons, elk, and white rabbits please stay out of all garden beds when visiting the library.



Free ESL Classes

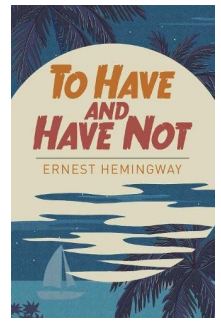
Free ESL classes are held at the library every Thursday from 6 - 7:30 p.m. All levels are welcome. No pre-registration is required; just show up.

LEARN ENGLISH

Cannon Beach Reads Meets JAN 15

By Phyllis Bernt

The Cannon Beach Reads book club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15th, to discuss Ernest Hemingway's *To Have and Have Not*.



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)

Set during the Depression, *To Have and Have Not* is a work of social commentary. It tells the story of Harry Morgan, a fishing boat captain in Key West, Florida, who is forced to smuggle contraband between Key West and Cuba to support his family.

Morgan is a "have not." Hemingway also looks at the "haves," presenting an unfavorable picture of the wealthy, decadent yachtsmen who take advantage of men like Morgan, forcing them to turn to criminal activities in order to survive. *To Have and Have Not* was published in 1937 and was Hemingway's third novel.

Ernest Hemingway was a novelist, short story writer and journalist whose iconic, understated writing style influenced many 20th century writers. In addition to his economical writing style, Hemingway was known for his choice of hyper masculine themes and his realistic portrayal of life between the two world wars.

Many of his seven novels, six short-story collections and two non-fiction books are regarded as classics of American literature, including *The Sun Also Rises*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Old Man and the Sea*, which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1953. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954, "for his mastery of the art of narrative . . . and for the influence he has exerted on contemporary style."

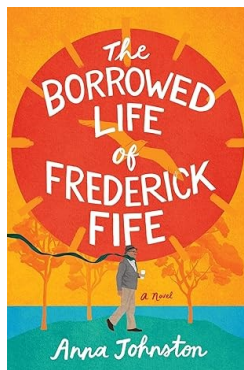
John Markham will lead the discussion. Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. The book club meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. New participants are always welcome, even if they haven't read the book.

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Discover a New Book

By Phyllis Bernt

Given the state of the world, and my health, I was in need of a feel-good book; one in which all the characters are basically good, every problem is solved in the best possible way and everything turns out just the way you hope it will. I found that book among the library's recent acquisitions: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*, by Anna Johnston.



Fred Fife is an 82-year-old, childless widower living in Wattle River, Australia. Having used all his assets in a fruitless search for treatments to keep his beloved wife Dawn alive, he finds himself penniless and homeless. Fred is reviewing his limited options as he walks along the Wattle River, when he comes upon a man who is his spitting image.

Bernard Greer, who is a resident of the Wattle River Nursing Home, is 83, confined to a wheelchair, suffers from the early stages of dementia and seems to have no family or friends. When Bernard dies and falls out of his wheelchair, Fred, who doesn't realize Bernard is dead, tries to help him, but through a series of missteps, Bernard's corpse falls into the river, taking Fred's jacket, wallet and identification with him, leaving Fred, who has fallen and hit his head, lying on the ground.

The nursing home staff assume Fred is Bernard, which isn't surprising since they could be twins. They pick Fred up and whisk him off to the nursing home, ignoring his claims that he isn't Bernard. Fred, who has no food or shelter, suddenly finds himself in a nice room with a comfortable bed and a tray filled with a substantial, tasty dinner.

Faced with the prospect of being "homeless Fred" or "well-fed Bernard," Fred, despite a deep sense of guilt, chooses food and warmth. His choice will change the lives of the nursing home staff, the other residents and Fred himself.

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife is a heart-warming, though far-fetched, story about a kind, likeable man in a difficult position. It's also a story about aging, forgiveness, fatherhood and the real meaning of love and family. It's the perfect book to read on a cold winter afternoon.

The book's call number is F JOHN.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



Attention writers - you still have time! The deadline for this year's Writers Read Celebration is January 31st. The theme is "Rising Tide."

Writers 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 Friday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Writers can read in-person at the library OR via Zoom. You don't have to live locally to participate!

Membership Meeting Feb 5

Join us at the library Wednesday, February 5th at 10 a.m. for light snacks and coffee or tea, followed by a local speaker and a short business meeting. Come find out about winter and spring events!



Paul and Margo Dueber

Our speakers will be Paul and Margo Dueber. They'll talk about the music scene in Cannon Beach and treat us with a couple of tunes. All those interested in learning more about library membership, or listening to our speakers, are welcome to join. Thank you to library members Caroline Godderz and Tammy Stewart for hosting. Hosts provide snacks, drinks, decorations, and help with setup. We're still looking for two members to host in March; contact our office if you can help.

Pictured is a preview of the 2025 Quilt Raffle (special thanks to patron Linda Radecki for her donation). The pattern name is "Dutch Treat." It is 60" x 75" and machine stitched. The fabric is all cotton, and the batting is Quilter's Dream 80/20 (80% cotton, 20% polyester). Ticket sales will be announced soon and can be purchased at the library or on our website.



Help Needed

As a nonprofit library, private donations and fundraising efforts are essential to keep us afloat. As we search for innovative ways to serve the evolving needs of our patrons and to grow with our community of residents and visitors, we also search for ways to raise funds. Sometimes this means strengthening what we're already doing well, and sometimes this means developing new events and fundraisers.

All our major fundraising events are currently in the works for 2025, and we also have some exciting new events and raffles planned. But we need volunteers to help! Whether it's working on a committee or helping setup for an event, new and familiar faces are always welcome. Please contact us if you want more information or are interested in getting involved.

Connect With Us

Stay connected with us to stay in the loop about all things library – follow us on Facebook, Instagram, sign up for our email updates, join our membership, check our website, or stop in.



2025 Cannon Beach Reads Book List

(Full monthly schedule will be announced soon)

Fiction

Geraldine Brooks, *The Secret Chord*

Patrick deWitt, *The Librarianist*

Matt Haig, *The Life Impossible*

Ernest Hemingway, *To Have and Have Not*

James McBride, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*

Takashi Hiraide, *The Guest Cat*

Nonfiction

James Baldwin, *Notes of a Native Son*

Marcia Bjornerud, *Turning to Stone: Discovering the Subtle Wisdom of Rocks*

Brian Doyle, *The Wet Engine: Exploring the Mad Wild Miracle of the Heart*

Timothy Egan, *The Good Rain: Across Time and Terrain in the Pacific Northwest*

Atul Gawande, *The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Done*

Farley Mowat, *The Boat Who Wouldn't Float*

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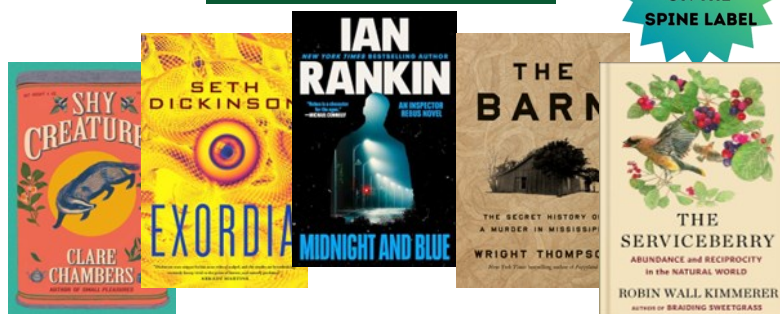
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New Books! JANUARY 2024

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Fiction:

The Champagne Letters – Kate MacIntosh

Christmas With the Queen – Hazel Gaynor
and Heather Webb

The Collaborators – Michael Idov

Exordia – Seth Dickinson

Gabriel's Moon – William Boyd

The Mirror – Nora Roberts

Shy Creatures – Clare Chambers

Time of the Child – Niall Williams

What does it Feel Like? – Sophie Kinsella

Mystery:

Beyond Reasonable Doubt – Robert Dugoni

An Eye for an Eye: The New William Warwick

Crime Thriller – Jeffrey Archer

The Frozen River – Ariel Lawhon

A Grave in the Woods: A Bruno, Chief of Police Novel – Martin Walker

In Too Deep: A Reacher Novel – Lee Child and
Andrew Child

Midnight and Blue: An Inspector Rebus Novel –
Ian Rankin

Robert B. Parker's Hot Property – Mike Lupica

A Very Bad Thing – J.T. Ellison

Non-Fiction:

The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi – Wright Thompson

Citizen Cowboy: Will Rogers and the American People – Steven Watts

The Freaks Came Out to Write: The Definitive History of the Village Voice, the Radical Paper that Changed American Culture – Tricia Romano

The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World –

Robin Wall Kimmerer

They Just Need to Get a Job: 15 Myths on Homelessness – Mary Brosnahan

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