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Cannon Beach Library's Monthly Newsletter

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Lagniappe

We have quite an intriguing mystery happening in our library at the moment. Judging from the number of books in our mystery section, and the number of our patrons that read mysteries, we think someone in the area may be able to help. So, put on your detective hat and let us know what you find out!

It all started in December during our crafts sale. A woman walked into the library on a Saturday and donated two of the most adorable crocheted puffins (see photo). She mentioned that her teenage daughter designed and made them and wondered if we wanted to sell them in our annual crafts sale. They were about three inches tall and beyond cute!! I bought one, and within an hour the other one sold to be used as a Christmas ornament.

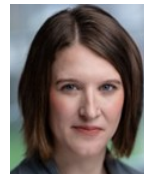
This is when the mystery deepened. We knew we could sell more of them, but we didn't have contact information for the person that created them. If anyone has ever tried to make these amigurumi animals, you know how difficult they are to design and assemble. Fast forward about ten days, and as I am checking our sales sheet, I notice that two more puffins were donated and purchased during that week. Still, no one seemed to know who to contact to order more.

After talking to desk volunteers and a few members of our Sunday morning knitting group, the question still remains unanswered. I am hoping that by sending this mystery out into the community, we will be able to solve this. If you have any information, please leave a message with our library manager, or with a desk volunteer. We all love our puffins and their annual visits. We would also love to express our appreciation to this very talented patron of the library. I'll let you know what I find out!



- Claire Landrum, President,
Board of Directors

NW Authors Series Presents: Rachel King



The NW Authors Series will welcome Portland author Rachel King at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. Come to the library, or join the talk from home via Facebook livestream.

King was a finalist for the 2024 Oregon Book Award for Fiction for her short story collection, *“Bratwurst Haven.”* Set in a small town in Colorado a decade after the Great Recession, *“Bratwurst Haven”* is a collection of twelve interrelated stories about the employees of the St. Anthony Sausage factory. King explores the struggles of the low-wage workers in the factory as they help and comfort one another in America's postindustrial economy.

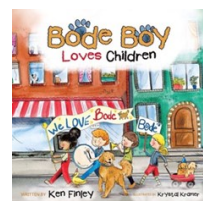


Rachel King is an author and editor whose works also include two poetry chapbooks, the novel *“People Along the Sand,”* which centers on the passing of the 1967 Beach Bill, and various other published short stories. Inspired by her own experiences, King often writes fiction that explores exile, land use issues, mental health, and workers' rights. King currently assists in the labor and communication departments at a nurses' union.

Story Time



Children's author Ken Finley will be at the library Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. to read and discuss, *“Bode Boy Loves Children,”* his book about a friendly Golden Retriever dedicated to helping children and their parents share important life lessons. All ages can come learn some tips on how to stay safe around unfamiliar dogs. Children can pet the author's dog and stay for Valentine's crafting! Finley will also discuss his experience writing and publishing children's books. Copies of *“Bode Boy”* will be available for signing and purchase.



Membership Meeting March 5

Join us Wednesday, March 5th at 10 a.m. for our next membership meeting. There will be light snacks and coffee or tea, followed by a local speaker and a short business meeting.

Our speaker will be the one and only Terry Brooks, best-selling author of the Shannara, Landover, Word/Void, and Viridian Deep series. He'll talk about the 2025 Get Lit at the Beach event.



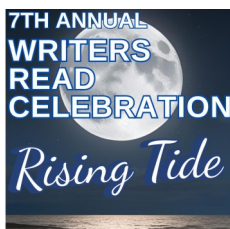
Terry Brooks

We will be announcing the slate for our 2025/2026 Board of Directors election and taking nominations from the floor. All those interested in learning more about library membership, or listening to our speaker, are welcome to join.

We still need 2 hosts for our March and May Membership Meetings. If none of our members volunteer to host, we will still have a speaker and business meeting, but we will skip the snacks and refreshments. Are you interested in hosting, but not sure what it involves? Contact Jen for more information: manager@cannonbeachlibrary.org

Writers Read Submissions Closed

Call for Submissions for the 2025 Writers Read Celebration has officially closed! We beat our previous record and received 85 submissions for this year's theme, "Rising Tide." Submissions included flash fiction, poetry, haiku, personal essays, and more. We are in the process of contacting the authors that were chosen to read their works at this year's celebration. All writers will be notified of the status of their submissions by February 15, and we will make an announcement on Facebook and on our website next week.



The Celebration will be held at the library on Friday, March 7th at 6 p.m. Come for refreshments and meet the authors, or watch the livestream from home, as we celebrate writing, reading, and the "rising tide."

Stay connected with us to stay in the loop about all things library – follow us on Facebook and Instagram



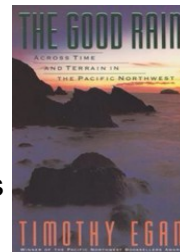
Cannon Beach Reads Meets FEB 19

By Phyllis Bernt

The Cannon Beach Reads Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, to discuss *The Good Rain: Across Time & Terrain in the Pacific Northwest*, by journalist and author Timothy Egan.

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 berntj@ohio.edu to get the Zoom link.

In what one reviewer called a "mesmerizing ode to the Pacific Northwest," Egan retraces the journey taken in 1853 by Theodore Winthrop, who was the first person to write a travel book about what is now Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Egan describes the varied landscapes of the region, from the Columbia River Bar to the Olympic Rainforest to the ice of the Northern Cascades, emphasizing the dramatic beauty of the iconic animals, trees, water, and mountains he encounters.



Egan makes it clear that the beauty of the region is in peril, as he decries the clearcutting of ancient forests, the threats to local animal life and the continuing effects of the violent white expansion into Native territory. The book was awarded the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award.

Timothy Egan is the author of ten books, including *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America*, *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*, and *Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them*. Egan, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, has been awarded the National Book Award for Nonfiction and the Washington State Book Award in History.

Joe Bernt will lead the discussion. Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. New participants are always welcome.

Free ESL Classes

LEARN ENGLISH

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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Volunteers Visit CBA

Last year, we began partnering with the Cannon Beach Academy to bring free books, story time, book talks, and introduce the library to our local school children and families.

Volunteers Peggy Thom and Bonnie Neugebauer visited the school last Friday. Peggy talked to the older students about the wonderful new books available for them to check out, and Bonnie read stories to the younger students. Students were also given free student library card applications to take home and a free book to keep. Special thanks to Academy Director MaryEllen Kiffe, and to all the teachers for fitting us into their day.



Donations Wanted

Did your New Year's resolution include clearing out old books, puzzles, or games? Please consider donating them to the library. Drop offs can be made anytime the library is open; if we're closed, you can leave them on the back porch.

Check it Out: Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and we're celebrating by highlighting books on our rotating display. Come "check out" some great new titles.



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New Books! February 2025

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Fiction:

Cross My Heart – Megan Collins
Eddie Winston is Looking for Love – Marianne Cronin

Homeseeking – Karissa Chen
How To Sleep At Night – Elizabeth Harris
Let's Call Her Barbie – Renee Rosen

Pro Bono – Thomas Perry
Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Vendetta – Brian Freeman

Mystery:

Been Wrong So Long It Feels Like Right – Walter Mosley

The Big Empty – Robert Crais
The Case of the Missing Maid – Rob Osler
Dead Men Wag No Tails – Sarah Fox
Holmes is Missing - Brian Koppelman & James Patterson
My Brother – Karin Smirnoff
The Note – Alafair Burke
Schooled in Murder – Victoria Gilbert
The Stolen Queen – Fiona Davis
Tangles – Kay Smith-Blum

Non-Fiction:

Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space – Adam Higginbotham
Give Her Credit: The Untold Account of a Women's Bank that Empowered a Generation – Grace L. Williams
The Myth of American Idealism: How U.S. Foreign Policy Endangers the World - Noam Chomsky and Nathan J. Robinson
Three Wild Dogs (and the Truth) – Markus Zusak
Reading the Waves: A Memoir – Lidia Yuknavitch
Superbloom: How Technologies of Connection Tear Us Apart – Nicholas Carr

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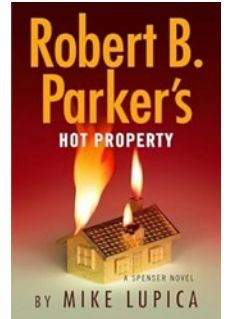
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Discover a New Book - By Phyllis Bernt

There aren't many fictional characters whose lives continue to develop after the demise of their creators, but that is exactly the case for the characters created by Robert B. Parker, the talent behind Boston Private Investigator Spenser, police chief Jesse Stone, and private detective Sunny Randall.

When Parker died unexpectedly in 2010, he had written over 70 books, including 40 Spenser mysteries. Not wanting to ruin a good thing, Parker's family selected other authors to continue Parker's work. They chose Ace Atkins, journalist and author of noir detective novels, to continue the Spenser series. Atkins wrote ten Spenser novels, before moving on to other projects. Parker's family then tapped sports writer, journalist and author Mike Lupica to keep Spenser solving crimes on Boston streets. (Lupica had already added three books to Parker's Jesse Stone series and four to the Sunny Randall lineup).



Lupica's second Spenser novel, *Hot Property*, has recently been added to the library collection, and I am happy to report that it is an entertaining read. Spenser's close friend, brash, feisty defense attorney Rita Fiore, has been shot on the way to the gym, and Spenser, along with his close associates in the Boston PD, are laser-focused on putting away those responsible.

Spenser grows convinced that Rita was shot because of her connection to Nicholas Drummond, the recently deceased, charismatic president of the Massachusetts Senate, who, before his untimely death, had been involved in a land development scheme. To find the shooter, Spenser has to match wits, and sometimes bullets, with hitmen, shady land developers, crooked politicians, petty gangsters, and ambitious journalists. Lupica does a fine job of recreating Robert B. Parker's Spenser novels. He gives his Spenser most of the characteristics of the original PI. His Spenser is irreverent and wise-cracking; he is so well read, he can quote everything from Tennyson poems to Arab proverbs; he is a gourmet cook and a "foodie" who knows the signature dishes at all the best Boston restaurants; he has a strict moral code and is guided by loyalty and a strong sense of justice; and his two great loves are the Red Sox and his Harvard-educated psychologist girlfriend, Susan Silverman. With its action-filled plot, quirky characters; fast-paced dialogue; and nuggets about Boston history, buildings and neighborhoods, *Hot Property* is an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon. The book's call number is M PARK. By the way, the library has 51 Parker titles, including 23 Spenser and 14 Jesse Stone novels, as well as four Sunny Randall books and several of Parker's westerns and stand alone titles.

Winter Reading Board Game

There's still plenty of time - play our Winter Reading Board Game Challenge through March 22nd. Pick up a game board at the library front desk 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 the GRAND PRIZE, and collect prizes along the way, too! All ages can play - there are game boards and prizes designed for both adults and children.

The grand prize is a super "cool" insulated Cannon Beach Library beach bag! Pack up some sandwiches for an afternoon hike, or throw in a couple beverages to watch the sunset.



Books for Babies

Did you know we offer a 3-book hardcover set (*Make Way for Ducklings*, *Goodnight Moon*, and *The Velveteen Rabbit*), FREE for all new babies (up to 1 year old) whose families reside in Cannon Beach and Arch Cape? Fill out a form at the library or on our website.



Our 2025 Quilt Raffle goes live next week! Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased at the library or on our website.



Volunteers Needed!!

Do you love books, meeting awesome folks, and making a difference? If you answered yes, then the library is the place for you! We need volunteers - visit

<https://cannonbeachlibrary.org/support-us-get-involved/volunteer-with-us/> to get started today.

