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Cannon Beach Library's monthly Newsletter

September 2019

Board Notes

Several topics were addressed during the August Library board meeting. Board members discussed the details of the upcoming Fall Festival on September 28; Rance Babb and Linda Sugano are co-chairs of the event.

The need for a policy and procedure manual was considered; a manual would be a helpful resource for current and future decision making. Board members agreed to create such a manual by documenting the tasks for which they are responsible; Wanda Meyer-Price will coordinate this effort. The board noted that the existing Desk Volunteer Manual is lengthy and overly complex. Claire Landrum will work with Desk Volunteers to simplify that manual.

The strategic planning process was discussed. In prior years, the board conducted a half-day strategic planning session in the late fall. Last year the board decided instead to set aside part of each board meeting to discuss specific strategic issues; the board agreed to follow that approach again this year and to assess if it is effective.

Several equipment upgrades were discussed. All agreed that a projector would be helpful for NW Author presentations and other speaker events. The board also approved the purchase of an iPad, which would be helpful for various tasks, including the book weeding process and accepting credit cards during book sales. The board also agreed it was time to look into options for upgrading the aging office computers.

- Phyllis Bernt, for the Library board

The Cannon Beach Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our Board minutes are public information and are available upon request at the library office.

Fall Festival Happening NOW!

The 2019 Annual Fall Festival is going on now! Don't forget to stop by the Library to purchase your tickets for the drawing. There are 6 packages to choose from, each with **over \$300 worth of gift certificates** for local restaurants and merchants. Tickets are just \$1, or get 6 tickets for \$5, 24 tickets for \$20. Put your bids in now for the silent auction, featuring stays from 5 premiere Cannon Beach hotels and resorts. Winners will be selected at 4:00 p.m. the day of the Festival—Saturday, September 28th. You don't have to be present to win, but you'll want to come by from 10a.m. to 5p.m., when there will be delicious baked goods and homemade craft items for sale.

We need you to get involved! **Donations from Crafters and Bakers are still being accepted!** This is a great chance to support the library with your gifts and talents. Please stop by, call the office at 503-436-1391, or email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org. Baked goods should be packaged and dropped off 10-5 Friday, September 27. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk - don't forget to fill out a donation sheet with your information and suggested pricing.

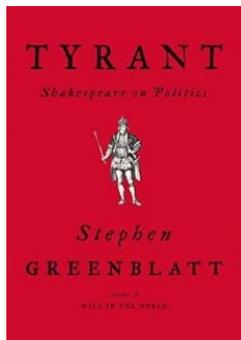
Next Membership Meeting October 2

Our next Membership Meeting is **Wednesday, October 2nd**, at the Cannon Beach Library. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. and will include refreshments and a light luncheon. This month's program will be "My Angels Have Four Legs," by David Frei of NBC Sports. A Cannon Beach Resident, David has been the face and voice of Westminster, the National Dog Show, and the Beverly Hills Dog Show on NBC for the last 30 years. He'll share his world of show dogs and his Angel On A Leash therapy dog program. The meeting will be hosted by members Jenee Pearce-Mushen, Marlene Laws, and Linda Sugano.

2019-2020 Membership Directories are available at the front desk, FREE for all current members!

CB Reads on Sept 18 at 7 p.m.

The book that will be discussed at the September 18 meeting of Cannon Beach Reads is *Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics*, by Stephen Greenblatt. Greenblatt, a Professor of Humanities at Harvard and a noted Shakespearean scholar, is a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner.



Shakespeare created many memorable tyrants (Richard III, Lear, Coriolanus), and examined the disastrous impact of their lust for power on society. His presentation of these tyrants was a veiled commentary on an increasingly tyrannous Queen Elizabeth I.

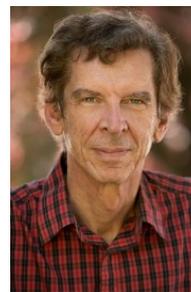
Shakespeare made his point without ever mentioning Elizabeth I's name (and so managed to literally keep his head). In a similar manner, Greenblatt's analysis of these tyrants offers insights regarding the current occupant of the White House, though Trump is never mentioned by name. For example, in analyzing King Lear, Greenblatt points out the danger to society of an impulsive monarch.

Joseph Bernt will be leading the discussion on Wednesday, September 18 at the Library. Come join what promises to be a lively conversation.

Cannon Beach Reads meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Coffee and delicious refreshments are provided.

Stephen Holgate—NW Author Program Saturday, Oct 12

Novelist, native Oregonian, and former American Embassy diplomat Stephen Holgate will kick off this year's NW Author Program Saturday, October 12. Holgate's novels fall under the genre of mystery/thriller/historical fiction. He will be at the Library at 2 p.m. to discuss his current novels *Tangier* and *Madagascar*, and his upcoming novel *Sri Lanka*, set to be published in 2020. Event is free and open to the public.



There was a full house for the first Membership Meeting of the fall on Wednesday, September 4th. An overflow crowd heard City Manager Bruce St. Denis present his talk, "The State of the City." St. Denis introduced Jeff Adams, the new City Planner, and told the group that a new code enforcement officer and a new emergency management official had also been hired. St. Denis discussed the planning process for the proposed new city hall, explaining the various options that are being examined. He also addressed the parking--or lack of parking--issue and he reviewed the changes in the funding provided to the Chamber of Commerce.

Karen French, Sandi Lundy, and Wanda Meyer-Price hosted the meeting, providing an impressive array of delectable brunch items and lovely centerpieces of Chinese lanterns and fall foliage for the tables.

Announcements regarding upcoming NW Author events and CBReads meeting were made. Members and visitors signed up to photograph Library events, to help with the Fall Festival on September 28, and to help get out the appeal letter mailing in November.

New Acquisitions August 2019

Fiction:

The Chain by Adrian McKinty
The Chelsea Girls by Fiona Davis
Inland by Tea Obreht
The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal
The Oysterville Sewing Circle by Susan Wiggs
Things You Save In a Fire by Katherine Center
True Believer by Jack Carr

Mystery:

A Better Man by Louise Penny
The Bird Boys by Lisa Sandlin

The Bitterroots by C. J. Box
City of Windows by Robert Pobi
A Dangerous Man by Robert Crais
The Last Good Guy by T. Jefferson Parker
Old Bones by Doug Preston Lee Child
Thirteen by Steve Cavanagh
The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware
The Whisper Man by Alex North

Non-Fiction:

Echo of Distant Water: The 1958 Disappearance of Portland's Martin Family by J. B. Fisher
The Ghosts of Eden Park: The Bootleg

King, the Women Who Pursued Him, and the Murder That Shocked Jazz-Age America by Karen Abbott
The Guarded Gate: Bigotry, Eugenics, and the Law that Kept Two Generations of Jews, Italians and Other European Immigrants Out of America by Daniel Okrent
The Outlaw Ocean: Journey's Across the Last Untamed Frontier by Jan Urbina
Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family by Mitchell Jackson