

Happy New Year from the Cannon Beach Library Board and staff! We look forward to a successful 2020. We have many exciting events planned for this year - and, of course, lots of books to read! We are glad you're here.

Board Notes

(The following are from November and January - the Board did not meet in December)

By Phyllis Bernt, for the Library Board A variety of issues were addressed at the Novemb er board meeting. Board members discussed plans for covering Jen's duties while she is on maternity leave, which begins November 25. She will be on leave till mid-January. Board members wished her and the soon-to-be baby well and thanked Jen for her excellent work.

Plans were reviewed for the Holiday Tea on December 7. Lynne Murray reported on the two scholarships the Library awarded to local students, both of whom have started their education. The Library will be the location for a memorial service for Joe Hummel on Sunday, December 15, at 2 pm. The Library will also host a story time for toddlers on Friday mornings from 11 to 12, beginning in January.

Board members discussed the endowment. Charles Dice, who has been the investment advisor for the Library endowment fund, is retiring. The endowment committee will be interviewing a representative from Bain Wealth Management as a possible new advisor. Board members also reviewed the pricing guide used by the Pricing Committee when pricing books for the Book Sale Room and for book sales and decided to continue current prices.

The Library will be decorated for the holidays on December 2. Board members also discussed plans for supplying books for the American Legion gift baskets.

The first order of business at the January board meeting was a warm welcome to Jen as she returns from maternity leave. Jen's schedule will be 10 till 3, Monday through Friday.

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Book BINGO!!

Read books! Complete Bingo lines!! Win fun prizes!!! Stuck inside on these rainy days? Looking for something fun to do? Pick up a Bingo card from the front desk, or download one from our website. Read a book corresponding to the description in each square. When a book is completed, write title and author in square. "Bingo" when a row is completed vertically, horizontally, or diagonally and win a \$5.00 voucher for the library book sale room. "Cover all" Bingo for the large prize – a free annual library card and reusable library tote! All fully completed cards will be eligible for the grand prize drawing on May 20, 2020.

Writer's Read Celebration

Please join us at the library on Friday, February 28, at 7 p.m. as we invite selected authors to read their entries for this year's Writer's Read Celebration. This year's theme is "Views from the North Coast." The celebration will feature authors reading their own selected works, a chance to meet and chat with local writers, and a light reception. All submissions will be available to read throughout the year in a special binder at the library. This is sure to be a great event! This year's selected writers can be found on our website and will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Northwest Authors Series

Fisherpoets came to Cannon Beach Library on Sunday, Jan. 19 and entertained a packed house with original poetry and songs inspired by their lives on the sea. A



special thank you to guests Jon Broderick, Jay Speakman, Dave Densmore, Rob Seitz and Geno Leech for a wonderful afternoon. Through its Northwest Authors Series, the Cannon Beach Library hosts authors and other events throughout the year. Download a brochure on our website for more information. Photo by Nancy McCarthy.

World of Haystack Rock Library Lecture Series

Join us Wednesday, February 12, as Colleen Weiler Presents: **Orcas of the Oregon Coast.** Come learn more about orcas of Ore-



gon and saving one of the most endangered whale populations in the world. The critically endangered Southern Resident orca community, a unique population living off the west coast of the U.S. and Canada, faces threats from fundamental changes to their ecosystem. How are these orcas connected to Oregon, and what can we do to help save them? Program begins at 7 p.m.

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Karen French reported that the response to the annual appeal letter has been very good. This is when we develop the budget for the upcoming year. Karen, Amy Jones, Mary Kerwin, and Phyllis Bernt will work on the 2020-21 budget.

There was discussion about having a quilt drawing this year. We have had drawings for donated quilts the past two years. We will explore whether we can get another donated quilt, or if there is interest among the membership in making a quilt.

Last year a committee made up of Janet Bates, Joe Bernt, Theresa Dice, Claire Landrum, and Marjorie Macqueen began a review of the bylaws; the committee will continue their work in the next months.

Claire reported on the very successful information-sharing meeting for Desk Volunteers held on January 15. It was well attended and many topics were addressed. Claire suggested that we sponsor a game called Book Bingo as a fun activity for patrons during the winter. All agreed it was a great idea.

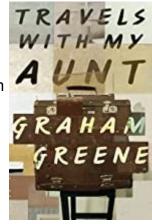
The process for annual elections was discussed. The board has considered various approaches to increasing the number of members and volunteers. Jen will work with Wanda Meyer-Price and Lynne Murray to put together a plan to increase membership and volunteers.

A special thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who made the holiday season a little brighter. Thank you to all those who donated their time and resources to help with the Holiday Tea, decorating the library, and the American Legion book drive. You make a difference in our community!

CB Reads Feb 19 at 7 p.m.

The book that will be discussed at the Cannon Beach Reads meeting on Wednesday evening, February 19, will be *Travels With My Aunt*, by Graham Greene.

Written in 1969, *Travels with My Aunt* tells the story of Henry Pulling, a retired, uptight bank manager who lives a lonely, boring life until, at his mother's funeral, he meets his long-lost



Aunt Augusta, a 70-some year old free spirit who has had a series of affairs with men half her age. Augusta persuades Pulling to join her in madcap travels through Europe, Asia and South America, during which they meet spies, hippies, and other bohemian and financially questionable characters.

Graham Greene, a British novelist, short story writer, and playwright, was known for writing thrillers, which he called "entertainments," and literary novels in which he explored the moral and political issues of the modern era, often from a strongly Catholic perspective. *Travels with My Aunt* is unlike his other works. Greene described it as the "only book I have written just for the fun of it."

Kathleen Bell will be leading the discussion on Wednesday, February 19, at the Library.

Cannon Beach Reads meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come enjoy the discussion and have some coffee and delicious treats.

Membership Meeting Feb 5

Join us for our first membership meeting of 2020 on Wednesday, February 5, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meetings include a light luncheon followed by a local speaker. This month's program is "Let's Talk History" by Elaine Trucke, Executive Director of Cannon Beach History Center. Non-members and anyone interested in membership are welcome to attend! This month's hosts are Mary Beth Cottle, Sandi Lundy, and Lynne Murray.

Congratulations to Elaine B. from Washougal, WA! She was the lucky winner of the 2019 quilt drawing.



Remember to like and follow us on Facebook

Update on Phyllis

Phyllis Bernt thanks everyone for their support and many kindnesses during the past 10 months since she tripped and fell in her kitchen. She had her fourth, and hopefully last, surgery on December 11, during which she received a new shoulder and her ulnar nerve was also operated on. She unfortunately still has some infection, but it will hopefully be controlled with medication. She's happy to be spending more time in the Library, in between physical therapy sessions.

Office Manger Back

Jen Dixon, our office manager, has returned from maternity leave. She would like to thank members of the board for helping cover the day-to-day library operations in her absence, especially Rance Babb, Janet Bates, Karen French, and Linda Sugano. Freya Francis, our newest



library patron, was born healthy and happy on 11/26/19. Stop into the library and you may just see her hanging around!

New Acquisitions January 2020

Fiction:

Agency - William Gibson

All the Ways We Said Goodbye - Beatriz Williams

Daisy Jones and the Six - Taylor Jenkins Reid

Dear Edward - Ann Neapolitano

A Long Petal of the Sea - Isabel Allende

A Small Town - Thomas Perry

Code of Honor - Tom Clancy

Mystery:

The Decent Inn of Death - Rennie Airth
Hindsight - Iris Johansen
House on Fire - Joseph Finder
Many Rivers to Cross - Peter Robinson
No Fixed Line - Dana Stabenow
The River Murders - James Patterson
The Wild One - Nick Petrie

Non-Fiction:

American Oligarchs - Andrea Bernstein
The Birth of Loud: Leo Fender, Les Paul etc lan S Port
Labyrinth of Ice - Buddy Levy
Tightrope - Nicholas Kristof
A Very Stable Genius - Phillip Rucker and
Carol Leonning

Cannon Beach Reads 2020 Schedule

January 15, 2020, members of Cannon Beach Reads begin a 14th year discussing important books, every third Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for discussion, coffee or tea, and cookies. The Cannon Beach Book Company orders books for purchase, and the library makes a copy available for patrons. New members are always welcome. This year's books are:

<u>William L. Sullivan, Oregon's Greatest Natural</u> Disasters

Lila Wickham, Discussion Leader

Graham Green, Travels with My Aunt

Kathleen Bell, Discussion Leader

Brian Doyle, Martin Marten

Bob Lundy, Discussion Leader

Geraldine Brooks, People of the Book

Wanda Meyer-Price, Discussion Leader

Mark Twain, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

John Markham, Discussion Leader Elie Wiesel, *Night*

Les Sinclair, Discussion Leader

Ernest Freeberg, The Age of Edison: Electric Light and the Invention of Modern America

Joseph Bernt, Discussion Leader

Aldous Huxley, Brave New World & Brave New World Revisited

Arthur Broten, Discussion Leader

Lyanda Lynn Haupt, Mozart's Starling

Lynne Murray, Discussion Leader

Paul Hawken, ed., *Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan*

Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming

Mary Lloyd, Discussion Leader

Willa Cather, My Antonia

Phyllis Bernt, Discussion Leader

Susan Orleans, The Library Book

Linda Gebhart. Discussion Leader

Annual Appeal Update

So far our annual appeal for support has been very successful! As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, individual donations are an essential part of raising the funds needed to continue the library's operations and programs. It's not too late to donate! If you didn't receive a letter in the mail please contact our office.