

Clamming Closed on Clatsop Beaches Until September 30

Razor clamming was closed Saturday, July 14 on Clatsop County beaches for the annual conservation closure to protect newly-set young clams.

Since 1967 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has closed the 18 miles of beaches north of Tillamook Head to razor clam digging while young clams establish themselves on the beach during the summer.

"We want to ensure that the Clatsop beaches continue to be productive for razor clam harvesters," said Matt Hunter, ODFW's Shellfish and Phytoplankton Project leader. "By not disturbing the young razor clams it increases the chance of good recruitment."

During the razor clamming harvest closure, ODFW will conduct stock assessments to determine the health of the population as it has on Clatsop beaches since 2004.

Clatsop beaches are the most productive razor clam beaches in the state, accounting for more than 90 percent of total harvest.

Digging for razor clams continues to be open on other state beaches though a few closures are in effect due to toxin levels. (Currently, razor clamming is closed from Cape Perpetua to the South Jetty of the Umpqua River and from Cape Arago south to California border due to unsafe toxin levels.) The best opportunities outside Clatsop beaches are in the Newport area, with the most consistent producers being Agate Beach, North Jetty and South Beach. Other beaches that can produce razor clams include Cannon Beach, Cape Meares, and Yachats Beach.

Bay clam harvesting is open coast-wide as well.

Always check for toxin-related closures before harvesting clams or crabs by calling Oregon Department of Agriculture's shellfish safety hotline (1-800-448-2474). Closures are also noted on ODA's Recreation Shellfish page and on ODFW's Recreation Report - Clamming and Crabbing Report.

CareOregon Receives Community Partner Award

On Thursday, June 21, at the Eliot Center in Portland, De Paul Treatment Centers recognized CareOregon as one of two Community Partners of the Year. CareOregon, a non-profit organization providing Medicaid managed health care plans to low-income Oregonians, has been key in supporting De Paul's mission of helping individuals, families, and communities recover from a substance use addiction.

CareOregon received the award for providing exceptional care coordination, problem-solving, and conflict resolution for their CareOregon members. De Paul is a participating provider in CareOregon's Health Resilience Program, and continually sees the positive impact of this program for individuals with high medical and mental health needs in the community.

"CareOregon has demonstrated time and again that they fundamentally understand that the disease of addiction has a profound impact on the physical health of their members," said Maree Wacker, CEO of De Paul. "They consistently support the integration of physical and behavioral care to deliver the highest quality health care to their members—supporting them on

their journey to recovery and health. We are elated to present this partnership award and recognize CareOregon's leadership."

CareOregon continually advocates for a health care delivery system that leaves no one without care.

"We are greatly honored to be chosen for this award," said Dr. Amit Shah, CareOregon's chief medical officer. "This award is especially valuable because it recognizes the importance of health care integration. The primary goal of Coordinated Care Organizations has always been the integration of medical, behavioral, and oral health, especially at the service delivery level for our members. The collaboration with De Paul has provided our members with greater access to high quality substance use disorder treatment and coordination with their primary care medical homes, enabling our members to gain greater control over their health, their lives, and their futures."

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On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

Summer Reading sign ups wrap up this week with 178 kids in the program. This is a record number of Summer Readers for the Library! Children in the program earn a free ticket to the Oregon Zoo, a free cookie from Jack's Hobo Bakery, and a prize drawing ticket for every hour read! Prizes are purchased from an annual, Ready to Read grant, and some are donated by the community. Thank you to local sponsors, R&S Market, Black Bear, and Jack's Hobo Bakery for contributing prizes.

This past year, the Library has been the recipient of several grants, including the Community 101 Leadership Class grant and two different project grants from the Columbia County Cultural Coalition. We were recently awarded a new grant, this time through the Oregon State Library. The grant is called "Refreshing Youth Collections," with \$3,000 to purchase new titles for our children's and teen book collections. A requirement of the grant is to purchase books off award lists, including the Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year 2018, 2018 ALA Youth Media Award Winners and Honor Books, 2018 American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Awards, 2018 We're the People Summer Reading List, and 2018 Children's Africana Book Awards. Books are currently being selected and purchased by staff and will be added in small batches to the collection over the next few months. We are pleased to receive this grant and happy to share all the wonderful new books with kids and families in the community.

The Friends of the Library annual Jamboree Book Sale is coming soon with a new location. Please shop for books over Jamboree weekend at the Vernonia Grange. And enter a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds supporting Library programs and services. Book Sale hours are Friday, August 3, 12 pm - 7 pm and Saturday, August 4, 9 am - 5 pm. To donate books or volunteer for the sale, contact the Library (503) 429-1818.

Upcoming Summer Events

Summer Reading 2018:

Libraries Rock!

Summer Readers! - Remember to turn in your reading records sometime between July 23 and August 11 to enter prize drawings and earn a free Oregon Zoo ticket.

Cactus Jack's Traveling Show

Tuesday, July 24, 10:30 am at the Cabin in Vernonia (Hawkins Park) Stage Troupers, traveling children's theater group, are coming to Vernonia with a fun melodrama. For all ages, free performance! Sponsored by the Friends of the Vernonia Library.

Puppetry 101

Thursday, July 26, 1 - 3 pm Registration required, for children entering 1st grade in the fall and up. Make a puppet to take home and learn puppetry skills. Sponsored by the Columbia County Cultural Coalition.

Family Movie Night

Thursday, July 26, 6 pm Enjoy a free movie and popcorn at the Library. Featuring *Epic* (PG, 102 min.)

Summer Reading Party

Saturday, August 11, 2 pm Ice cream, crafts, activities, and a last chance to enter the Summer Reading prize drawings.

Lego Stop Motion Animation

Tuesdays, August 14 and August 21, 1 - 3 pm Registration required (registration opens July 23). Register at the Library, max of 20 participants. For children entering 3rd grade in the fall and up. Learn how to develop a story and animate Lego characters, then make your own short film. Sponsored by the Columbia County Cultural Coalition.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Thursday, July 19, 6 - 7:30 pm 3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience. Meetings are now back at the Library.

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion

for July 30: *The Walk* by Richard Paul Evans

Storytimes

Summer Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:45 am, June 20 - August 22
Snack served at 10:45 am provided by the Summer Meals Program. Followed by stories and a craft at 11 am. **Monday and Friday storytimes will resume in September**

Did You Know?

Jamboree Book Sale Volunteers

Every year the Friends of the Library host a book sale on Jamboree Weekend. This year the book sale will be held at the Vernonia Grange. Setting up the book sale and sorting books takes an entire week and the Friends need more volunteers. If you are interested in helping move boxes of books and tables, sorting and displaying books for the sale, or working a shift at the sale please contact the Library (503) 429-1818. Set up begins Sunday, July 29 for the book sale with tear down on Sunday, August 5. Volunteer opportunities every day that week so please contact us!

Featured Titles: *Lean on Pete*

Scappoose author and musician Willy Vlautin visited the Library in April 2018 for Columbia County Reads. One of his novels, *Lean on Pete*, was recently made into a movie. The Library carries copies of the book and now, the film. If you were here for the author visit or are interested in books and movies with a Columbia County connection come to the Library.

Library Closures

Saturday, August 4 for Jamboree Weekend

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 7 pm
Sat 10 am - 4 pm
Closed Sundays

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