

Library news: Junior/young adult books

Life lessons in books

I have been reading books from our “Junior” and “Young Adult” collections. The thing about books written for ages roughly 9 through 19 is that every book seems to either teach, or validate, life’s lessons.

So I find myself just sitting and thinking when I finish each book--digesting the words if you will, feeling as satisfied as after a wonderful meal.

I urge you to treat yourself to some of these fiction titles this summer: Al Capone does my shirts, The true confessions of Charlotte Doyle, What I saw and how I lied, Good night Mr. Tom, Skim (a graphic novel), Make Lemonade, and The boy in the striped pajamas, to name but a few.

Donalyn Miller, author of the Book Whisperer, awakening the inner reader in every child, writes that one reason why adults should read youngsters’ books is because “it’s often inspirational—reading about heroes and bravery and loyalty makes you want to be a better person. And couldn’t we all do with some of that?”

My hope is that you will delve into our luscious selection of kids’ books and enjoy the experience so much that you will tell a younger person about the book, who will then tell a friend ... and so it goes.

Book sale a success

The Friends’ bang-up book sale was just that with nearly \$1,500 in sales.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who packed, moved, set up, sold, purchased, packed and hauled all those books!

The Friends provide funds for many items on the Library’s wish list, like chipping in to bring the fabulous OMSI Science Festival to Port Orford last week.

Keep shopping at the Friends’ Store and book sales, and maybe we can bring OMSI back again.

— By Tobe Porter, P.O. Library director

Children's Summer Program is ongoing at the library

On Saturday, August 1 at 10 a.m. Lavender Wands with Kelly Fleming (Arts Council). 11 a.m. Taste Buds: Tasting and Cooking with Terry (Library).

Free of charge and held at Port Orford Library

Sponsored by Port Orford and Langlois Public Libraries and by the Port Orford Arts Council.

For more information about Lavender Wands, phone 332-0688.

For more information about the Library program, phone 332-5622 or 348-2066 or www.poli-brary.org

‘Anniversary Sale’ at store

The Store at Port Orford Library is celebrating its first anniversary by having a half-off sale on selected items.

We are making room for new donations of fabulous books and unique gift items.

Come visit us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-2.

Free coffee at the south entrance of the Library. Check us out at the Library.

Join ‘Sponsor a Day’ program

The new “Sponsor a Day at the Library” program is well underway. It’s a great way to remember a special day, and help build the library’s endowment fund — the fund that will allow our beautiful, new debt-free library to always remain so!

It’s easy and fun ... just stop by the library and tell the front desk person that you want to pledge 25 cents for every item checked out on the day you select, up to \$25. We will call you with the computer-generated count of items checked out on your day.

Many children's summer activities are at the libraries

It is exciting that the Port Orford and Langlois Public Libraries are joining with the Port Orford Arts Council on two summer programs. All programs are held at the Port Orford Library and are free of charge.

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Cut out this schedule so that you don't miss a minute of the summer fun!

It's a small world, part II



Photos by Lance Nix

These dragonflies, peerless pilots and predators on their own terms, were photographed by Lance Nix, who finds big things in small places.

The other day ... by Sally Prince

Once upon a time ... a green front lawn was considered a status symbol. Not too many green lawns these days when summer rolls around and the rains ceases. Water bills keep water consumption down.

A spacious green lawn carried the mark of being upper class. It was said the greener the lawn the higher one's status. A look around town and we can agree, can't we, that mostly just plain folks live here.

More than the appearance of lawns has changed. The entire

front yard has changed since our grandparents' and great-grandparents' day.

During the Victorian era porches were definitely in style. That was before my time, but every home I lived in from the 1930's to the 1950's had a fair-sized front porch.

Those very decorative front



Sally Prince

porches were like frosting on a cake. They wrapped around each side of the houses. Some were screened so they could enjoy evenings on the veranda, as they were called then.

They also served as spare bedrooms in the summertime when the weather made indoor sleeping unbearable. No air conditioning in those days except on the screened porch.

I lived in Tucson, Arizona from the time I was toddler until second grade. We had a screened bedroom built in our backyard, with canvas blinds to pull down

during the scorching summer afternoons.

Front porches usually had large wicker chairs, settees, and of course, at least one porch swing. The front porch was a popular place for socializing.

Since the porch was set high off the green front lawn, decorative pots of ferns and flowers adorned the entrance way. Most every house had a full basement, partly above ground, hence the need for stairs to reach the porch.

It was customary for neighbors to take evening walks around the neighborhood during balmy sum-

mer evenings. They would stop to chat with their neighbors and perhaps be offered a lemonade.

In the dark of evening, a couple might do some spooning or sparking, as it was called in those days, as they enjoyed the moonlight and the porch swing.

Today, so many homes have merely a front entrance way. It serves as a place for a doorbell, a porch light, and in the city a place for their mailbox.

I enjoy visiting Victorian homes when I travel to towns that have retained them. There are some lovely one in Coos

Bay/North Bend. I hiked the hills of Astoria one summer to take the tour of their many Victorian homes. Portland also has preserved some lovely estates, and conducts tours at various times of the year.

To restore, or to rebuild a replica of such homes today is for the very wealthy. If I could do so, my home would have the veranda and porch swing, but it would also have on the third floor overlooking a waterway or forested area, a turret filled with books and music. A writer's sanctuary.

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the entrance to bays along the Oregon Coast.

Coastal scallops are not affected by this closure when only the adductor muscle is eaten. The consumption of whole recreationally harvested scallops is not recommended. Crab are not affected by this level of toxin and are safe to eat.

Shellfish contaminated with PSP toxins can cause minor to severe illness or even death. The symptoms usually begin with tingling of the mouth and tongue. Severe poisoning can result in dizziness, numbness and tingling in the arms and legs, paralysis of the arms and legs, and paralysis of the muscles used for breathing. Shellfish toxins are produced by algae and usually originate in the ocean.

ODA will continue to test for shellfish toxins weekly, as tides permit. Reopening of an area requires two consecutive tests in the safe range.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Division at (503) 986-4720 or visit the ODA shellfish closures Web page at <http://oregon.gov/ODA/FSD/shellfish_status.shtm.



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Photo by Brandon O'Rourke

This picture of a pair of voracious predators was taken by Brandon O'Rourke, who might have been risking his life ...

Jubilee Pet Show winners listed

1st place: Leisa # 11; 2nd place: Suzie #12; 3rd place: Pucca # 16; Best trick: Fionna #7; Best Behaved: Dottie #5; Best Costume: Syris #8; Most unusual: Sprocket (goat) # 17; Most unbehaved: Todo #4

Thank you for everything Port & Starboard, Tue Value, Rays, CFCU, Paradise café, Nor-CAL fish, Sterling Bank, Siren, Crazy's, NC Electronic, Downtown Fun Zone, Circle K, B & B Farms, Wild Horse Salon, Little Shop of Horrors, Mr. & Mrs. Mosses & Dogs, South Coast Baseball, POORT, Surf Shack, Mr. &

Mrs. Walters, judges, Caitie, Stacey, Vickie & Terri. And a BIG thanks Wayne Moore.

CRB needs volunteers for kids

There are currently more than 5,400 children in foster care in the State of Oregon. Many have been abused and/or neglected. Their families need services to allow them to safely return home in the shortest time possible. If that is not possible, they need another permanent home in which to safely grow up. Others have committed law violations. They must be held accountable and given services that will help them reform and make our community safe.

The cases of these children are reviewed by volunteers on Citizen Review Boards throughout Oregon. They give of their time to ensure children, youth and families in the child welfare and juvenile justice system get the support and services they need.

Boards usually meet one day a month. Board Members receive information on each case before they meet. At the review, they hear from all parties to the child's case. They look at services being provided to the parents; the parent's progress; the education, health, and well- being of the child; the treatment plan of the youth offender, etc. They hold parents, youth offenders and state agencies accountable. After the board reviews the case, it makes findings and recommendations and sends them to the agencies, the parties, and the court.

Volunteers are needed now. Every day counts in the life of a child in foster care. Individuals from all walks of life, and who represent the diverse communities our children come from, are encouraged to apply. Training and support is provided by professional staff of the Oregon Judicial Department. Limited financial assistance is available to those meeting eligibility requirements.

Applications can be obtained by calling the Volunteer Resource Coordinator toll free at 1-888-530-8999 ext. 8585 or 4578, or by visiting the CRB website at

Annual ‘Champagne Cruise’ set for September 20

Tickets are now available for Curry Health Foundation's popular fund-raising event – the Rogue River Champagne Jet Boat Cruise and Dinner.

The fifteenth annual cruise is scheduled for Sunday, September 20. Amenities will include champagne and hors d'oeuvres followed by a buffet

dinner at Singing Springs Resort.

With generous sponsorship from Rogue River Mail Boats Excursions, the Curry Health Foundation is able to offer this event. The “Rogue Queen,” a glass-enclosed craft will depart at 1 p.m. from the Mail Boat dock and return about 6 p.m.

The cost per person is \$70, of which \$40 is a deductible donation. Because of the generous donations received since 1996

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Legal notice

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Port Orford Common Council will hold a Public Hearing on August 6, 2009 at 3:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Port Orford City Hall at 555 W 20th Street, Port Orford, Oregon, for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zone Text, Title 17 Zoning Provisions, and addition of the Flood Map of Port Orford to the Comprehensive Plan.

All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the Hearing for more information. Testimony that is relevant to the requested zone amendments will be taken at the hearing. Criteria to be addressed includes compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and other applicable provisions of Title 17.

(Ord. 2009-04) Chapter 17.19 Flood Damage Prevention is to incorporate prevention measures to keep current with flood prevention regulations so citizens can be eligible for flood insurance, and to replace Chapter 15.20.

(Ord. 2009-06) Comprehensive Map is to add the FIRM digitized Flood Map of Port Orford to the Comprehensive Plan.

These proposed amendments are available at City Hall and in the Library. For more information contact Patty at City Hall, 541-332-3681.

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