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Costumed kids are once again invited to ride the Haunted Astoria Riverfront Trolley at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31.

Ride the Haunted Trolley

Old 300 invites kids to wear costumes

ASTORIA — The Astoria Riverfront Trolley will once again hold its annual Halloween Night Run for local kids.

Costumed children of all ages are invited to join the trolley operators, also in costume, for a special Halloween journey. Old 300 will be decorated as a haunted trolley, and as a special treat, professional storyteller and author Melissa Eskue Ousley will tell timely stories.

Eskue Ousley is author of The Solas Beir young adult fantasy trilogy; the third book, "The Sower Comes," was released this summer and is available at local bookstores. Eskue Ousley is working on a new novel, "Sunset Empire," which blends mythology and fantasy with Astoria's history and culture, including an angry ghost, Astoria's underground tunnels, and the 1922 fire.

Halloween Night Run

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31

Columbia River Maritime Museum

1792 Marine Drive, Astoria

503-325-6311

847-921-7535

All ages

Free

The trolley will arrive at the Columbia River Maritime Museum trolley stop at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 31 and make a complete round trip, taking approximately one hour.

The event is free, but donations are accepted. For more information call the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce at 503-325-6311, or call Paul at 847-921-7535.

Crazy Eights Author Tour comes to Seaside

Beach Books, Seaside Public Library host Oregon authors

SEASIDE — The Crazy Eights Author Tour will come to the Seaside Public Library at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29.

The tour is sort of like speed dating with authors. A pool of 27 award-winning Oregon authors divide up into groups of eight, hit eight venues in eight Oregon towns this fall, and each author speaks for eight minutes about their books and their writing life.

Oregon author George Byron Wright came up with the idea for the tour on a road trip. The intention was to stimulate more interest in Oregon's writing and publishing communities by connecting them with readers, booksellers and libraries in an exciting way.

The first tour took place in the fall of 2012. It was fast and furious and audiences loved it, as did the authors.

"The tour is totally volunteer," said Wright. "It has been the generosity of the authors along with the eagerness of booksellers and librarians that has made it work. Our authors are passionate about supporting independent bookstores, libraries and our communities of readers."

This year, the tour stops in Albany, Beaverton, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Salem, Seaside and Stayton.

This year's Seaside tour

stop is co-sponsored by Beach Books, which will be selling the authors' books at the event.

The authors scheduled to visit Seaside are: Dan DeWeese, Molly Gloss, Lauren Kessler, Jane Kirkpatrick, Craig Lesley, Susan Hill Long, Barbara Corrado Pope and Karen Spears Zacharias.

Dan DeWeese's story collection "Disorder" was the inaugural pick of the Oregon Book Club. His novel "You Don't Love This Man" was nominated for an Oregon Book Award. He is editor-in-chief of Propeller, a web magazine of books and culture, and oversees the magazine's publishing imprint, Propeller Books.

Molly Gloss is a fourth-generation Oregonian who lives in Portland. She is the author of five novels, including "Wild Life" and "Falling From Horses." Her work often concerns

the landscape, literature, mythology and life of the American West. Her awards include an Oregon Book Award, two Pacific Northwest Booksellers Awards and a Whiting Writers Award.

Lauren Kessler is a (semi) fearless immersion reporter who combines lively narrative with deep research to explore everything from the wild west of the anti-aging movement to the stormy seas of a mother-daughter relationship. Her new book, "Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts and My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker," chronicles her journey to reclaim the daring of her girlhood by dancing the world's most popular ballet with a professional company.

Jane Kirkpatrick's works include "Homestead," a memoir of leaving suburbia to live

on Starvation Lane and 23 historical novels based on the lives of actual women. Her honors include the Western Heritage and National Cowboy Hall of Fame Wrangler award for "A Sweetness to the Soul," also noted as one of the best books about Oregon published between 1800-2000.

From Eastern Oregon, Craig Lesley has published four novels, a memoir and 27 short stories. Lesley has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Oregon Coast Literary Award for Best Novel about small town Oregon. After retiring from Senior Writer in Residence at Portland State University, he teaches in the low-residency Master of Fine Arts program at Pacific University.

Susan Hill Long's middle-grade novel "Whistle in the Dark" was named a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year and a Bank Street Best Book and won an Oregon Book Award. Her next novel for young readers, "The Magic Mirror," will be published in 2016. She lives in Portland with her husband and two daughters.

Barbara Corrado Pope has written three critically acclaimed historical novels set in late 19th-century France: "Cézanne's Quarry," a finalist for an Oregon Book Award, "The Blood of Lorraine" and "The Missing Italian Girl." This March, her 10-minute play, based on an incident in 1980s Poland, was performed at the Northwest Ten Play Festival in Eugene. She is retired from the University of Oregon, where she taught history and women's studies.

Karen Spears Zacharias is the author of "Mother of Rain," winner of the Weatherford Award for Best in Appalachian Fiction and a finalist for the Crook's Corner Book Prize. A former Tri-City Herald reporter and columnist, Zacharias' work has been featured on CNN, National Public Radio, and The Diane Rehm Show. "Burdy," the sequel to "Mother of Rain," was released in September.

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6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29

Seaside Public Library

1131 Broadway, Seaside

Free



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The authors visiting Seaside Public Library on the Crazy Eights Author Tour are, from left, top, Dan DeWeese, Molly Gloss, Lauren Kessler and Jane Kirkpatrick; bottom, Craig Lesley, Susan Hill Long, Barbara Corrado Pope and Karen Spears Zacharias.

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