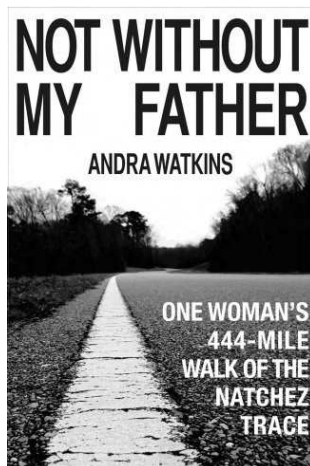


## Memoirist to relate dysfunctional family adventure at Seaside library

SEASIDE — On Thursday, Sept. 8, the Friends of the Seaside Library will welcome Andra Watkins, author of “Not Without My Father: One Woman’s 444-Mile Walk of the Natchez Trace.” The event will take place in the Community Room at 7 p.m., and there will be book sales and signings.

Watkins needed a wingman to help her become one of the only living people to walk the 444-mile Natchez Trace, from Mississippi to Tennessee, as the pioneers did. She planned to walk 15 miles a day. For 34 days.

Watkins asked everyone in her life if they would accompany her on the adventure, but no one was able to make the commitment. She was left with her cantankerous, disinterested, 80-year-old



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“Not Without My Father” by Andra Watkins.

father. And his gas. And the sleep apnea machine and self-scratching. And sharing a bathroom with a man whose gut obliterated his aim.

As Watkins trudged

America’s forgotten highway, she lost herself in despair.

Nothing happened according to plan, and her tenuous connection to her father started to unravel. Through arguments and laughter, tears and fried chicken, they fought to rebuild their relationship.

In “Not Without My Father,” Watkins invites readers to join her dysfunctional family adventure in a humorous and heartbreaking memoir that asks if one can turn “I wish” into “I’m glad I did.”

Watkins is a New York Times bestselling author, and “Not Without My Father” was nominated for the 2015 National Book Award for non-fiction. She has been featured in the Huffington Post, The Tennessean, and ABC News. She lives in Charleston, South Carolina.

## Did you know you can talk to astronauts with amateur radio?

### Join long-distance conversations at Lewis and Clark National Park

ASTORIA — As part of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park’s National Park Service centennial celebration, a group of local students and scouts will take part in an important conversation Saturday, Sept. 3. Thanks to a partnership with a local amateur radio club, the youth will chat with astronaut Takuya Onishi, who is in orbit aboard the International Space Station, via radio transmission. The event is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m. at the park’s Netul Landing at the north end bus shelter. The public is welcome to attend.

This “explorer to explorer” conversation is part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program, which lets students worldwide experience the excitement of talking directly with crew members of the International Space Station, inspiring youth to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and math, and engaging them with radio science technology through amateur radio. The International Space Station is a global partnership of 15 countries learning to work

through differences in culture, language, politics, design, manufacturing, management and operational styles.

Lewis and Clark park rangers have been working with students from the Astoria School District migrant summer school program and local girl and boy scouts to learn about the International Space Station, as well as connections between the daily activities of the Corps of Discovery and the astronauts.

The youth have worked hard to come up with specific questions for Takuya Onishi of Japan’s space agency. For instance, the Corps of Discovery was fond of fiddle tunes, and Kevin, 13, wants to know if astronauts aboard the International Space Station listen to music. Nahomy, 10, is interested in how many outfits the astronauts have with them, and what they’re made of. Josie, 8, knows that when Sacagawea was ill, Lewis treated her; but who treats the astronauts?

“This is an amazing opportunity to engage our youngest park goes with an astronaut in space,” says Visitor Services Chief Jill Harding. “The connection between the park and the International Space Station amplifies the same themes of exploration and investigation that we celebrate at Lewis and Clark National

Historical Park.”

This Amateur Radio on the International Space Station event is part of a National Parks on the Air effort, featuring support from the Mouth of the Columbia Amateur Radio Club. Through 2016, amateur radio operators celebrate the National Park Service’s centennial by traveling to national park sites nationwide to have radio conversations with people around the country and around the world.

As part of the National Parks on the Air activity, the Mouth of the Columbia Amateur Radio Club will set up radio stations at the park’s Netul Landing site from Friday evening, Sept. 2 to Sunday morning, Sept. 4. The public is invited to visit with the radio operators, learn about radio, and even join in a conversation by talking on a radio microphone.

For more information about Amateur Radio on the International Space Station go to [ariss.org](http://ariss.org). The weekend’s radio events at Netul Landing are sponsored by the Mouth of the Columbia Amateur Radio Club, the Lewis & Clark National Park Association and the National Park Service.

For more information, call 503-861-2471 or visit [nps.gov/lewi](http://nps.gov/lewi) or find Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

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## Find a book sale in Ilwaco this weekend

ILWACO, Wash. — Find a good read to add to your bookshelf or fall reading list this weekend. The Friends of the Ilwaco-Ocean Park Libraries will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 4 at the Ilwaco High School Black Lake Campus

at 404 School Road.

Some books are marked specially; all others are \$1 per hardbound and trade paperback and 50 cents for regular-size paperback.

Between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, bring a standard paper grocery bag and fill it for just \$3.

The Friends of the Ilwaco-Ocean Park Libraries collect and sort donated books year round to sell at two annual sales on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

All proceeds will benefit the Ilwaco and Ocean Park Timberland Libraries.