

Bill Wadhams to perform at McMenamins pub

GEARHART — Bill Wadhams, lead singer of the '80s band Animation and singer of the hit song "Obsession," will perform with a band of his friends at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 at McMenamins Sand Trap Pub, located at 1157 N. Marion Ave.

Before becoming a pioneer of synth pop, Wadhams was a singer-songwriter playing guitar and singing in pubs. He has been a resident of Portland since 1993.

Animation will release a

new album this November on Invisible Hands Music, a London-based record label. The album features four of the original members, including Wadhams, singer Astrid Plane, keyboardist Greg Smith, and guitarist Don Kirkpatrick, who has been a member of Rod Stewart's band for 12 years.

The band is thrilled to be releasing 10 new songs and a remix of "Let Him Go" from its debut album.

At the McMenamins



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Bill Wadhams, of '80s band Animation, will perform Sept. 22 at McMenamins.

concert, Wadhams will perform two songs from the new album.

Lucy's Books holds author signing

ASTORIA — Lucy's Books will host local author Andrea Larson Perez for a signing of her new book "Astoria" from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

"Astoria" is the newest title in Arcadia Publishing's Postcard History Series. The book compiles a history of Astoria through postcards shared with Perez by area families and local historians.

The collection of images pays homage to the many facets of life in and around Astoria. The area's scenic beauty remains a constant alongside traditional industries and the evolution of Astoria as a tourist destination.

More than a century ago, the town was a place of big fish, big trees, big dreams and big personalities. Luckily, many professional photographers and everyday shutter-

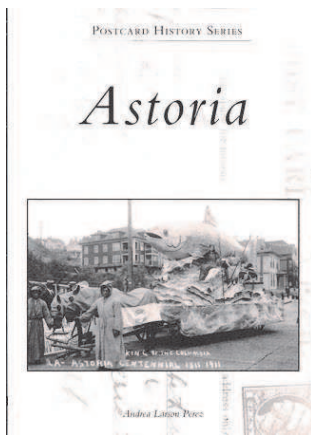


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Angela Larson Perez is an Astoria author.

bugs made it their business to capture life on the lower Columbia. Today, there are fewer giant fish and the remaining old growth is protected, but the town, dreams, personalities and photographs remain.

A native of Florida, Perez, 52, relocated to the region in



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Perez's newest book gathers historic postcards of Astoria.

1994 and resides in Astoria. She graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a degree in public relations.

Lucy's Books is located at 348 12th St.

Timberland Reads Together focuses on 'The Boys in the Boat'

PACIFIC COUNTY, Wash. — This year — an Olympic year — Timberland Regional Library's annual Timberland Reads Together program will focus on a best-selling true story with local roots, unlikely heroes, long odds and a thrilling ending: "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics."

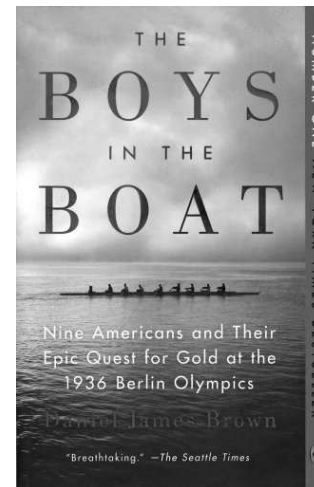
In its 12th year, Timberland Reads Together promotes and celebrates reading and community. One book is chosen each year that has widespread appeal across various interests.

Everyone in the five-county library district in southwest Washington is encouraged to read the book and to attend free book discussions, author presentations, live performances and programs throughout the month of October at local Timberland libraries and other venues.

"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown celebrates the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic eight-oar rowing team — nine working-class college students from the University of Washington who stormed the rowing world, transformed the sport and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans.

The sons of loggers, shipyard workers and farmers from the American West, the boys took on and defeated successive echelons of privilege and power. They vanquished the sons of bankers and senators rowing for elite eastern universities. They defeated the sons of British aristocrats rowing for Oxford and Cambridge. And finally, in an extraordinary race in Berlin, they stunned the Aryan sons of the Nazi state as they rowed for gold in front of Adolf Hitler.

Against the grim backdrop of the Great Depres-



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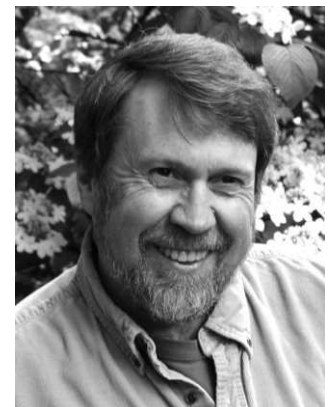
"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.

sion, they reaffirmed the American notion that merit, in the end, outweighs birthright. They reminded the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together. And they provided hope that in the titanic struggle that lay just ahead, the ruthless might of the Nazis would not prevail over American grit, determination and optimism.

The book's author, Daniel James Brown of Seattle, will speak about his New York Times bestseller at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, located at 512 Washington St. S.E. in Olympia. Brown will discuss his writing process and the research he conducted, read excerpts from the book and field audience questions. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Timberland Reads Together events in Pacific County that focus on the book and its themes include:

- Movie screening of "The Boys of '36" documentary based on the book: 1 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Ilwaco library; 6 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Naselle library; and 5:15 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Raymond library.



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Daniel James Brown, author of "The Boys in the Boat," will talk about his book Oct. 4 in Olympia, Washington.

- Book discussions: 2 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Ocean Park library; 6 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Naselle library; 11 a.m. Oct. 8 at the Ilwaco library; 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Raymond library;

- Go for the Gold screenings of Olympic films: 6 p.m. Oct. 6 at the Raymond and Naselle libraries; 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Raymond and Naselle libraries; 6 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Naselle library; 6 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Raymond library; 6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Raymond and Naselle libraries.

- Box Office 1936 screenings of the most memorable films from 1936: 5 p.m. Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the South Bend library. Call the library for specific films.

- Musical duo Red & Ruby will perform music from the 1930s: 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Ocean Park library.

- Pacific County historian Steve Rogers will tell the story of South Bend's Olympic swimmer, Helene Madison, who broke 16 world records, won three Olympic gold medals in 1932 and is honored in the Swimming Hall of Fame. The event takes place at 1 p.m. Oct. 22 at the South Bend library.

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