

Award-winning author to speak about Oregon rivers

Seaside Public Library to host Tim Palmer Oct. 20

SEASIDE — Despite Oregon's watery reputation, the state has lacked a field guide for its many celebrated rivers and streams — until now. Preeminent river conservationist, photographer and author Tim Palmer's "Field Guide to Oregon Rivers" is a reference that profiles 120 waterways throughout the state, from the Alsea to the Williamson.

The Friends of the Seaside Library will host

Palmer for a talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. The event will take place in the Community Room of the Seaside Public Library, and there will be book sales and signings after his presentation.

Palmer will offer attendees an interpretive approach to the state's network of rivers that will be valuable to travelers, outdoor enthusiasts and anyone interested in Oregon waterways.

Palmer will begin with a natural history of Oregon's rivers — geology, climate, hydrology, plants, animals and ecology. He will present portraits of individual

ivers, with a summary of the river's character as well as notes about its nature, fish and protection efforts. He will point out opportunities for seeing the river, hiking along its shores, fishing, and exploring by canoe, kayak or drift boat.

Palmer will also provide a list of the best rivers for a variety of outdoor activities.

Palmer is the author of 26 books on rivers, conservation and the environment. He is also an accomplished photographer. He has served on the board of the national river advocacy group American Rivers as well as The River Network.

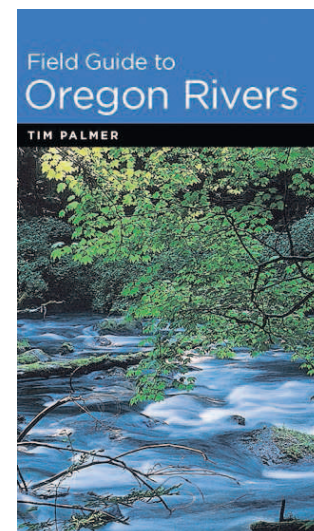
He is currently an associate at the Pennsylvania State University's Riparia Center and a visiting scholar at Portland State University.

"A Field Guide to Oregon Rivers" won the National Outdoor Book Award and was also an Oregon Book Award finalist. Palmer and his wife, Ann Vileisis, lived for 11 years in their van and now live some of the time on the Pacific Northwest coast.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information, call 503-738-6742 or visit www.seasidelibrary.org



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Tim Palmer is the award-winning author of 26 books about rivers, conservation and adventure travel.



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Lilyana Doupe, a sophomore at Illwaco High School, poses for a portrait at the Inn At Harbour Village, one of the venues for the Water Music Festival. Doupe will perform at the sold-out Saturday night concert at Leadbetter Farms.

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