

Bibliophiles book it to Cannon Beach Library sale

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Library's annual Fourth of July Book Sale — one of the largest used book sales on the Oregon Coast — runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, through Saturday, July 7.

The library will close Tuesday, July 3, to organize this massive sale. Other than the popular book-sale room, during this event, most library services will remain unavailable until Monday, July 9.

This year, the Independence Day Parade coincides with the first day of the book sale, so the crowd waiting before the doors open is expected to be large.

The fundraiser offers thousands of novels, mysteries, biographies, histories and other nonfiction titles; rare and old books; and perennially

popular cooking, art and coffee table books, all at bargain-basement prices. The sale also includes hundreds of first editions, autographed and rare old books.

As books sell, library volunteers refill sales tables, often adding discounted prices on CDs, DVDs or popular paperback series, and even free items.

The Cannon Beach Library, located at 131 N. Hemlock St., operates as a private, member-owned, nonprofit organization with only a small subsidy from the city. The library's success depends on donations, book drives, business contributions, fundraising events and volunteer labor. Last year's book sale set a record of raising nearly 10 percent of the library's annual budget.

Established in 1927, the library provides important current fiction and nonfiction, e-books, interlibrary loan services, access to Wi-Fi and computing services and meeting space for Cannon Beach and Arch Cape residents and visitors six days a week. It is staffed by more than 90 library volunteers and a part-time office manager, and supported through fundraising events and appeals.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Fourth of July Book Sale can call or email Library President Phyllis Bernt at 503-436-1391 or info@cannonbeachlibrary.org and leave their contact information.

The library especially needs help with set-up on Tuesday, July 3, and with cashiering, bagging, sorting and restocking tables during the sale.



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At last year's Cannon Beach Library Fourth of July Book Sale, early shoppers browse fiction and nonfiction books in one of two library rooms filled with sale books.

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