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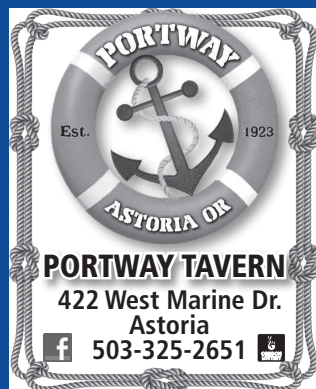
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Writing contest supports fundraising for local libraries

SEASIDE — The Seaside Public Library Foundation will publish its second annual short story anthology to support the Libraries Reading Outreach program, which provides library cards to children in Clatsop County. Writers are invited to submit a short story (1,500 words maximum) with a theme of books or libraries.

Winning entries will be featured at the Libraries ROCC Fundraiser on Sunday, April 14, at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center, where writers will have the chance to read an excerpt from their story and speak about their writing process.

In the submitted story, writers should include at least two characters that event attendees can bid on to name for the final version of the story that will be included in the anthology. (For example, last year, attendees had the opportunity to bid on the name of a ghost in a story about a haunted library.)

The deadline for entries is Friday, Feb. 1. Stories



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Author Melissa Eskue Ousley.

must be submitted electronically via email to librariesreadingoutreach@gmail.com. Writers will be notified of receipt once a \$10 entry fee has been submitted via check to Libraries ROCC at 1131 Broadway St., Seaside, OR 97138.

Stories should be submitted as Word documents and

should be family friendly. For additional guidelines, visit seasidelibrary.org.

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of local judges, including local authors Melissa Eskue Ousley and Deb Vanasse, and Ken Heman, a visitor information specialist with the City of Seaside Visitors Bureau.



COURTESY DEB VANASSE

Author Deb Vanasse and a friend.

Winning entries will be announced on Friday, Feb. 22.

Writers: Describe life on the North Coast

CANNON BEACH — With its ocean, forests and rivers, the North Coast is a special place to live and visit. The Cannon Beach Library is offering an opportunity for residents and visitors to write about life on the North Coast.

Selected submissions will be read at a "Writers Read" gathering in the library on Friday, March 1.

The deadline to submit a piece for consideration is Friday, Jan. 18.

Submissions can be sent

to info@cannonbeachlibrary.org or mailed to the Cannon Beach Library, PO Box 486, Cannon Beach, OR 97110.

What is your connection to the North Coast? What draws you to stay here? Is there a place, an experience, an emotion or an everyday occurrence that illustrates your feelings about the North Coast?

Anyone can participate in the Writers Read project. A group that includes library volunteers, a bookstore own-

er and local writer will read the submissions and select six to 10 to be read by their authors at the gathering at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1.

Writers must follow these guidelines:

- Limit submissions to 600 words.
- Please write to the theme "Life on the North Coast."
- Do not put your name or contact information on your story. The group will read the pieces without knowing who wrote them.

However, please include the writer's name, email address and phone number in a cover letter.

Any format, including personal essay, poetry, story, etc., will be considered.

Writers whose works are chosen to be read will be notified after the committee considers them. Writers should be available to attend the March 1 gathering.

For more information, contact the Cannon Beach Library, 503-436-1391.