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AT THE COASTDevout readers meet renowned
authors at Get Lit at the BeachBy **PATRICK WEBB**
FOR COAST WEEKEND

Ursula K. Le Guin called it “the best party I ever went to.” Organizer Tracy Abel hopes the late science fiction writer’s description is true again this year.

The eighth annual Get Lit at the Beach takes place at multiple locations in Cannon Beach from Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7.

Abel, a Tolovana Arts Colony board member, cannot contain her enthusiasm. “It is bringing authors and readers together to celebrate their mutual love of reading,” she said. “It is fun to listen to writers and look at the importance of reading.”

Terry Brooks, a prolific fantasy author with homes in Seattle and Cannon Beach, will be master of ceremonies. He founded the event with the late Val Ryan after then-mayor Mike Morgan suggested a literary festival to complement other arts endeavors.

“It’s all about the love of books. Our writers talk about what they write about — and why — while having a relaxed weekend on the Oregon Coast,” Brooks said.

Get Lit allows authors to thank

IF YOU GO**Get Lit at the Beach****A Gathering for Readers**

When: Friday, April 5, through Sunday, April 7

Where: Multiple locations, Cannon Beach

Full pass: \$95

More info: getlitatthebeach.com,
tolovanaartscolony.org

their readers for supporting them in person, not just a brief moment in line to sign a book. Several genres are chosen and the weekend is intentionally not a teaching format, he added.

A new event, called the “Lit Crawl,” begins Friday, April 5, with a welcome reception featuring light hors d’oeuvres 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 207 N. Spruce St.

Attendees will move to the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., to hear coastal author and folklorist Peter Lindsey read from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., then head to The Wine

**“OTHER EVENTS
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— **Tracy Abel**, Get Lit organizer

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