Book drive to benefit elementary students

ASTORIA — Tongue Point Job Corps Center and Lucy's Books are hosting a book drive until March 31 to improve literacy of students at Lewis and Clark Elementary School.

Books can be donated by purchasing a book online at amzn. to/3bzMsHt or buying a book from a book drive display at Lucy's Books, 348 12th St. Books purchased at Lucy's will be discounted.

The project is one of the job corps' 2021 service projects. All of the books purchased during the drive will be donated to the elementary school at the end of March.



Olivia Gasser, a third-grade student at Lewis and Clark Elementary School, poses with a new book.





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Large waves crash at Cape Disappointment near Waikiki Beach during King Tides.

Washington State Parks offers free day Friday

A free day is being offered by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on Friday.

The free day is part of a celebration for Washington State Parks' 108th birthday.

On free days, visitors to Washington state parks will not need a Discover Pass for a

day-use visit. The Discover Pass is required to access lands managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources.

Remaining free days are April 3, April 22, June 5, June 12, June 13, Aug. 25, Sept. 25, Nov. 11 and Nov. 26.

Land conservancy seeks volunteers for early spring wildflower plantings



Silverspot butterflies.

SURF PINES — North Coast Land Conservancy will host small, socially distanced volunteer parties to plant native wildflowers between mid-March and April 1.

The plantings will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, March 23, March 24, March 26, March 30, March 31 and April 1. Each planting party is limited to six volunteers.

A total of 3,000 plugs of dune tansy and edible thistle will be planted during the events. The wildflowers are considered an important nectar species for pollinators.

To register for a planting, visit nclctrust. org. Volunteers will be expected to wear masks and stay at least six feet away from others. Staff will be present during each event.