



Thursday's Nature Matters series will focus on coastal prairies.

## Ecologist scheduled to speak about Oregon Coast prairies Thursday

ASTORIA — Ecologist Doug Glavich will lead an online discussion about Oregon Coast Range prairies Thursday.

The free event will be held online and will take place at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live on the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Facebook page.

The talk will explore what impacts have led to the loss of this habitat type and ongoing restoration efforts.

Glavich has over 20 years of experience working in the world of ecology. He

is an ecologist for the U.S. Forest Service Northwest Oregon ecology group, which covers the Siuslaw, Willamette, and Mount Hood national forests, as well as the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Nature Matters takes place on the fourth Thursday of each month from October through May. For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471 or visit [nps.gov/lewi](https://nps.gov/lewi) or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

**Constellations of Scars**  
MELISSA ESKUE OUSLEY

### Seaside Library hosts writer's workshop with award-winning author

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Public Library will host award-winning Oregon Coast author Melissa Eskue Ousley Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Seaside Public Library's Community Room.

Ousley will be discussing her most recent young adult novel, "Constellations of Stars" and conducting a writing workshop for writers of all levels. The book is set in Seaside and was an award-winning finalist in the 2021 International Book Awards.

Participation is capped at a maximum of 10 and sign-ups are required.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway St. For more information, visit [seasidepubliclibrary.org](https://seasidepubliclibrary.org).

# Artists, space sought for SMART Reading mural

ASTORIA — A statewide early literacy nonprofit is seeking a local artist and wall space for an exterior public art mural project in Clatsop County.

SMART Reading is an organization that provides children with books and reading support. As part of a statewide celebration of SMART Reading's 30th anniversary, the group is commissioning murals inspired by children's books in 10 communities

across Oregon.

The vision for the murals is to embody the fun and imaginative power of children's books and their ability to transform lives and open doors to opportunities and adventures.

Artists interested in applying for the mural project and businesses or organizations with wall space they're willing to donate can find more information at [smarreading.org/30th-anniversary/](https://smarreading.org/30th-anniversary/).

## CrosswordAnswers

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