

Cannon Beach Library hosts Portland author

CANNON BEACH — Historical fiction author Omar El Akkad will give a remote talk, hosted by the Cannon Beach Library, about his acclaimed novels “American War” and “What Strange Paradise” on Saturday at 2 p.m.

El Akkad’s fictional figures are immersed in both present and dystopian social and political landscapes. “What Strange Paradise” is told from the viewpoint of two children caught up in wars and migrant crises throughout the Middle East, while “American War” takes place during a speculative second Civil War in the United States. The latter novel won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers’ Award and the Oregon Book Award.

El Akkad was born in Egypt, grew up in Qatar, later moved to Canada and now lives in Portland. As an investigative reporter, he has covered stories in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, among others, inspiring his fiction work.

His reporting as well as fiction and nonfiction writing have been well received, earning a long list of accolades. For more information and to view the presentation, visit cannonbeachlibrary.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

‘Sip and Paint’ event on tap in Warrenton

WARRENTON — Flood Valley Warrenton Tap House will host “Sip and Paint,” a workshop of acrylic painting alongside regional craft beer and cider selections on Friday at 6 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome. Participants will create a “Blue Lake” painting. This is an all ages event, and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The cost for this workshop is \$40 plus the cost of drinks. Seating will be limited. For more information, visit www.floodvalley.com.

‘12 Days of Earth Day’ begins in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach Parks & Community Services Committee will host “12 days of Earth Day,” an annual celebration throughout Cannon Beach, beginning on Monday and lasting through April 29.

The event will feature a parade, street fair and Earth Day themed activities, including opportunities for residents and visitors to volunteer and learn about coastal ecology.

Local businesses and nonprofit organizations will host other activities throughout

the event’s 12-day span. The committee also encourages locals and visitors to consider planting trees, developing home recycling plans and other ecologically friendly actions.

For more information, visit www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us.

Columbia River Symphony to perform historic soundscapes concert

ASTORIA — The Columbia River Symphony will present “Sounds of Civilization,” an exploration of time and regionalism, at the Liberty Theatre at 7 p.m. on Friday.

This unique concert will focus on the events of the 19th century industrial era through soundscapes, setting a scene of trains depicted through drums, the hammering of nails, bleating of livestock and energies of the era.

The Columbia River Symphony, featuring 52 North Coast musicians, aspires to bring musical experiences and cultural enrichment to the community.

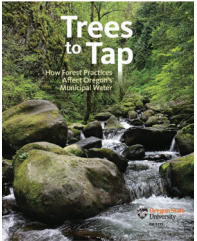
This event is free and open to all. Doors open at 6 p.m. Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test required for all attendees. For more information, visit www.libertyastoria.org.

Souder to present on forest management, water systems

NEHALEM — Forest watershed extension specialist and Oregon State University professor Jon Souder will give a virtual presentation on the interactions between forest management practices and Oregon’s municipal water systems on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Souder is the principal investigator of the “Trees to Tap” project, and will share elements of his new book of the same name, summarizing scientific findings on forestry and drinking water. The event, hosted by the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, will immediately follow the council’s April board meeting.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/lwnc1 or contact the watershed council at lnwc@nehalem.tel.net.



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