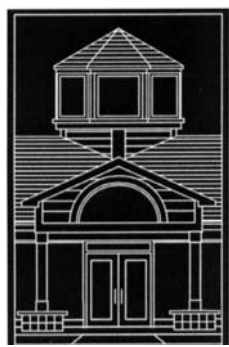


Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

AARP tax service

The AARP tax service will be available again this year at the library, beginning on Monday, Feb. 2. The service is available on Monday and Thursdays and runs through April 13.

This tax service is particularly important this year as the IRS, for the first time, will not be providing instruction booklets, just the three basic 1040 forms, which have not yet arrived at the library. Oregon has not provided tax instruction booklets or forms to libraries for some years.

Blind Date with a Book

Is your book life feeling a little lackluster? Do you feel like you're in a reading rut? Do you want to rediscover that love for reading that you once had?

Well, you can!

During the month of February, the library will be offering our second annual Blind Date with a

Book program. For the adventurous reader this program offers the opportunity to let fate take a hand in selecting what you read.

The program works like this. Select a plainly wrapped book from a selection of books at the library. Take the book to Circulation and check it out. Read the book — or at least make an honest and fair attempt at doing so — then return the book with a "blind date" evaluation form.

The forms, besides being used to recommend new and wonderful books to readers, will also be used for prize drawings.

The program starts Feb. 1.

Websites for readers

Library Director Meg Spencer and library staff Kevin Mittge and Susie Voth will be discussing several websites for readers at a program on Tuesday, Feb. 3, beginning at noon in the

Bromley Room.

Up for discussion and demonstration will be the library's OPAC, with perhaps a sneak peak at the new version soon to come; NovelList, a subscription database available to library patrons which provides a wealth of information about books and authors; Goodreads, which bills itself as the world's largest site for readers and book recommendations; and Shelfari, similar in some ways to Goodreads and an excellent site for recording your book and reading history.

This program is the first in several "literary" themed programs offered by the library during the month of February.

Friends Book Sale

The next Friends of the Library Book Sale is Saturday, Feb. 7, and Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, in the library's Bromley Room.

Track from 1A

blacktop because it was bad for me. I jumped into the trail thing and now do that 90 percent of the time," he said.

Archer has run multiple marathons, including the Boston Marathon when he was 40 and again when he was 60. He also has run the Portland Marathon and others around the state. But mostly, Archer likes trail running.

"Most of my running is up on the horse trails near C and K Stables, north of town. There is a series of trails up there that if you add them all up are probably 17 or 18 miles."

In 2003, Archer started a 10-mile trail run called Cape Mountain. The proceeds from the \$40 registration fee aid the cross-country students at Siuslaw High School. If the cross-country runners help with the event, then they receive a \$100 scholarship to the Steens

Mountain High Altitude Running Camp.

Archer got the idea from a friend who operates a similar trail run.

"I'm the race director,"

Archer explained. "There is a company in Eugene that does all the timing. I do the local set up and mark the trail. Some of the parents bring food up for a potluck afterward."

"After I pay for expenses, I donate \$100 scholarships to each cross-country student who

helps out. Any leftover money I donate to the track program if they need anything," Archer said.

For the past several years, between 80 and 100 runners register for the run. This year the run is set for June 13.

Over his decades of running, Archer has seen the sport evolve in some interesting ways.

"The dynamics of running have changed," Archer said. "Right now the half-marathon

is the fastest growing race in the country and more than 60 percent of half-marathon finishers are women."

Archer also has been involved with various local runs like the Rhody Run and the Shamrock Run.

"With the Rhody Run a couple of years ago, we had some complaints because the age groups stopped at 75-plus," Archer said. "There were a couple of guys in town that were 85-plus and they were

getting beat by a 75-year-old. We had to add additional older age groups.

"When I first started doing road races, the age group stopped at 40-plus. Now, the average age of a marathon runner is in the mid-40s."

Archer sees running as a sport someone can continue throughout their entire life.

"I ask kids, how many 85-year-old quarterbacks do you see? You can keep running forever if you want," Archer said.

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