

## Library gets children 'Ready to Read'

Learning to read begins before children start school. Young children need to develop important language and literacy skills before they learn to read.

The Siuslaw Public Library, in partnership with Lane Early Learning Alliance, United Way of Lane County and with financial support from an Early Literacy grant from the Oregon Department of Education through the Early Learning Division and Early Learning Council, is offering a free child-care

provider/preschool teacher training on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bromley Room

The workshop will demonstrate how caregivers can use five familiar and easy-to-use practices to develop language and other early literacy skills in children from birth to age 5.

The practices are talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.

The Every Child Ready to Read workshop explains why the skills are so important, demonstrates how to help

children learn the skills, provides titles of high-interest books that are age appropriate and sends participants home with early literacy activities they can incorporate into their work setting.

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library was developed by the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association, divisions of the American Library Association, in conjunction with national reading and education experts, and offers research-based

practices that adults and children can enjoy together while helping children learn early literacy or pre-reading skills.

Certificates of attendance are available at the workshop through Family Connections of Lane and Douglas County.

For more information about the upcoming Every Child Ready to Read workshop, as well as other materials and resources for parents and caregivers, contact Youth Services Librarian Gayle Waiss at 541-997-3132.

## KB Gallery to screen 'Metropolis' Friday and Saturday

A free screening of the 1927 futuristic film "Metropolis," with accompanying music by cellist Chris Campbell, will take place Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Kenneth B Gallery, on First Street in Old Town Florence.

Fritz Lang's newly restored classic will screen at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, and at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Music will be provided by Florence cellist Chris Campbell.

Before the movie begins, enjoy film manager Jared Anderson's informative presentation explaining how this amazing silent film became the masterpiece it is today.

"Metropolis" portrays the story of a futuristic city whose rich creators are sharply divided from its poor workers, who live a slave existence.

A rich son of the city's

mastermind witnesses the inhumane conditions and rebels against his father, after discovering the heart-felt beauty of a spiritual community in the catacombs of the city.

Cellist and piano player Chris Campbell, who teaches second grade at Siuslaw Elementary School, started playing cello as a child but was never able to afford one until recently, when her husband, also named Chris, entered an essay contest for a rare blue-colored cello.

Campbell is a mother of three children and two dogs, loves music, has traveled the world, and is an avid unicyclist.

Additional information about the screening is available online at [www.kennethbgallery.com](http://www.kennethbgallery.com) or by calling SK Lindsey at 541-999-5875.

The Kenneth B Gallery is at 1458 First St.

## Toastmasters welcome radio personality

Wednesday, Jan. 28, Toastmasters International inducted Jack "San Francisco Jack" Kepner as a member. Local president and area governor Ann Machalek performed the honors.

Kepner has been a Florence resident for two and a half years and loves it here.

He retired from his career as an appraiser of fine art and antiques in 2009, and visited Northern California, Seaside and Astoria, before settling in Florence.

He is heard around town on his regular inter-



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Jack Kepner is inducted into Toastmasters International by local president and area governor Ann Machalek

view program, KXCR Conversations, on KXCR-FM, Tuesdays at 11 a.m., Wednesdays at 6 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Kepner joined Toastmasters because he wants to improve his speaking and communication skills.

Toastmasters local chapter, Siuslaw Tales Spinners, meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station on Highway 101.

Visitors are welcome to all meetings.

## Boys and Girls Club hosts Florence Pub Crawl Saturday

Come and shake off those post-holiday blues and share a cup of cheer with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Lane County and the Winter Pub Crawl.

Tickets are \$50 per person and all proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

Teams are forming now and filling up fast.

Call the club directly at 541-902-0304 to purchase tickets,

which are open to adults 21-years old and older only.

Designated drivers will be provided to ensure everyone gets home safely after the event.

Team captains are Kristen Christensen, Bob Forsythe, Kevin Groves, Mike Smith and Juanita Kirkham.

The Pub Crawl will take place Saturday, Feb. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The group will meet at the Port of Siuslaw.

The crawl will include stops at 1285 Restobar, Beachcomber, Homegrown Public House and Travelers Cove.

These establishments will be featuring beer tasting and food pairing for participants to enjoy. Additional food and beverages will be available for purchase at each location.

## Find a treasure at FEC's indoor yard sale

Jewelry, household items, restored furniture, fishing gear, antiques and collectibles will all be under one roof, rain or shine during the Indoor Yard Sale at the Florence Events Center (FEC), Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Friends of the FEC are sponsoring the bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Nonprofit groups and individuals are invited to rent a booth space to display their goods. For those who do not have a garage, adequate parking or hard to find locations, this is a perfect solution to be part of this huge sale.

Single booths and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 with discounts

for nonprofit groups.

Space will be available up until Thursday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m. for any group or individual to participate in the sale.

For more information on purchasing a booth, visit the Florence Events Center office at 715 Quince Street or contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994.

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