

Have a 'Blind Date' at library this month

The Siuslaw Public Library will be celebrating Valentine's Day the entire month of February by offering blind dates with books.

Come into the library to arrange one of these mystery dates. Perhaps the date will even be a mystery. Or the surprise might be historical or literary fiction, a young adult novel or a biography.

In any case, the library invites you to spend time with a delightful new author or explore a genre different from your usual selections. And you are not limited to one date during the month. You can have as many blind dates during the month as you can fit into your schedule.

Every night during the month of February can be date night.

Here is how it works: visit the library and select one wrapped book from the Blind Date shelf. Check out the book and, when you arrive home, unwrap your date. When you have finished reading the book, fill out the evaluation form (your drawing entry) and bring it to the library.

All entry forms will be included in weekly drawings for fun prizes.

Pick up a new date, if you



Library patron Carol Hart checks out the blind dates at the Siuslaw Public Library.

like, when you drop off your form. Dates will be available through Feb. 28.

The idea is to expand your reading horizons.

Kevin Mitte, Adult Services Librarian who designed the popular program that debuted last year, said he is looking forward to what the

blind dates might bring.

"Take a chance and read a book you wouldn't otherwise pick up," said Mitte. "Then submit your book review as an entry form for some great prizes."

More than 150 dates were arranged and evaluated last year. So come to the library

during the month of February to add some variety to your reading list by checking out one of the library's Blind Dates.

For more information about the program, visit the Siuslaw Public Library, call 541-997-3132, or visit the library website at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Garden Club seeks scholarship applications

The Florence Garden Club invites local Siuslaw and Mapleton High School seniors to apply for the Garden Club scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year. Applicants must be planning a post-high school career in horticulture or a related field, such as forestry or environmental science.

Awards are typically \$1,000 or more. Applications are available through high school counseling departments.

Deadline for applying is April 1.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1994, more than \$47,000 has been distributed to local students. The

Garden Club raises funds throughout the year from donations, raffles and the spring community plant sale.

Florence and Mapleton area merchants have contributed merchandise and services for raffles as well as monetary donations to the club for scholarship fund raising.

The Florence Garden Club was formed in 1949 to improve the community and to promote the knowledge of horticulture.

The club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Highway 101 in Florence.

Oregon State Police accepting applications

Ever thought you would make a good cop? Ever thought you had what it takes to be one of the best cops? If the answer is yes, then you could be an Oregon State Police (OSP) trooper.

A career as an OSP trooper is challenging and rewarding. OSP troopers provide premier public safety services to the citizenry of Oregon and we hire the best people to do it.

If you've ever thought about being a trooper, now is the time

to apply. OSP is preparing to hire recruit troopers in 2015 using the E-Recruit electronic application system.

Lateral- and entry-level recruit trooper applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 6. Persons interested in applying should start the process now by going to the Oregon State Police recruiting website at www.osptrooper.com. The website helps interested applicants: Learn the application process and what it

takes to successfully apply, clearly understand the qualifications, and find out what it will take to get a jump on the required entry-level testing.

To better serve qualified applicants, OSP is scheduling two separate entry-level testing sessions: Saturday, March 14 and Monday, March 16.

Both sessions will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, 4190 Aumsville Highway SE, in Salem.

Applicants should prepare

beforehand for entry-level testing. Candidates can create an account now by building a profile following the instructions detailed on the www.osptrooper.com website.

The complete application for employment is comprised of the E-Recruit profile, the supplemental questionnaire, and any required attachments.

More Information is available at atwww.osptrooper.com.

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1911 18th St
Open floor plan. RV parking. Fenced yard.
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1156 sq ft
\$169,500 BH6912 ML#15480667

NEW LISTING
South Lakes Location! Wonderful home, bonus room down + full bath, garage & shop/garage all on .72 acre corner lot.
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1752 sq ft
\$239,000 BH6906 ML#15613111

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Country Setting 1.21 acres, well cared for home, beautiful grounds, plus garage/shop, RV parking room.
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1500 ft
\$239,999 BH6805 ML#14018869

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3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 1886 sq ft
\$329,000 BH6882 ML#14032069

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Crafters Delight! Over 2500 sq ft home with open floor plan and large bonus room.
3 Bdrm, 2.5 Ba 2554 sq ft
\$295,000 BH6821 ML#14575519

FEATURED LISTING
Highway 101 frontage. 11+ acres, well, septic approval.
\$219,000 BH6721 ML#14559162

FEATURED LISTING
Beautiful in-town .24 acre lot, nice location, backs up to Munsel Creek greenbelt. City services available.
\$55,000 BH6882 ML#14270878

FEATURED LISTING
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