Friends of Library to host holiday book sale

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library (FOL) will hold a one-day Holiday Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Bromley Room at the Florence branch of the library, 1460 Ninth St.

A pre-sale for FOL members will be held from 9 to 10 a.m.

Just in time for gift-giving, this themed book sale will feature thousands of like-new hardback and paperback fiction and nonfiction books, holiday books, special and collectible books, magazines, the new "Got Books?" canvas bags and more.

In addition to great buys on books, a gift wrapping service will also be provided at the sale.

Pick up presents for your holiday wish list and support the library while library Friends do the wrapping.

Book sales are one of the FOL's primary fundraisers. By purchasing at the sales, shoppers are helping to support their local libraries in Mapleton and Florence.

The book sale accepts payments via credit and debit card, as well as cash and checks.

"The Friends do so much for us behind the scenes," said Meg Spencer, library director. "From supporting Summer Reading, to new furniture in the Teen Room, to buying books for young readers in Mapleton — we couldn't do it without them."

All books for sale have been donated by the community and all proceeds go to support the Siuslaw Public Library and its programs.

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library is a nonprofit organization.

For more information, email siuslawlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Nominate businesses, people now for Siuslaw Awards

The eighth annual Siuslaw Business Awards event is fast approaching. The awards banquet, sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, will take place Jan. 20, at the Florence Events Center (FEC).

This prestigious event recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Nonprofit Achievement, Community Caring and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

This year, the Florence Chamber has added a new category: Innovation in Business.

The recipient of this award will be a business that has introduced an innovative product or service, or operates in a mode where innovation is built into the culture of the company.

The Siuslaw Awards also recognizes two outstanding individuals in the community by honoring them with the Future First Citizen Award and the First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes an individual who has given selflessly to the community based on community involvement, leadership and overall community impact.

The Future First Citizen Award recognizes a student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the community.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of their time and efforts in supporting the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

Anyone can choose to nominate their own or another business for the Siuslaw Business Awards.

Applications are available now either at the Florence Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center or online at www.florencechamber.com.

Nominations must be submitted to the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce by Friday, Dec. 11.

First Citizen and Future First Citizen nomination forms are available through area service clubs on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and are due back to the Chamber by Sunday, Dec. 20.

For more information, call Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128.

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