

## FRAA artists to showcase work at Siuslaw Library

Starting on Saturday, Jan. 2, and continuing throughout the month of January, members of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be showcasing some of their finest artistic and photographic works and creations at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence.

Along with the many forms of traditional and contemporary works, there will also be many pieces in the glass showcase.

Members can bring up to

two pieces and FRAA will hang them depending on space.

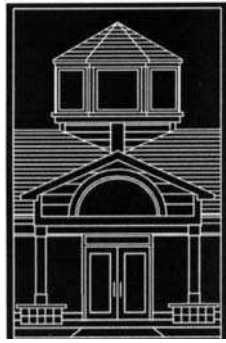
Drop off times are between 10 a.m. and noon.

There will also be an opportunity for new people to become a FRAA member and include their art the same day.

All members must pick up their art on Saturday, Jan. 30.

For more information about FRAA, go to [www.fraa.oregon.org](http://www.fraa.oregon.org) or visit the FRAA Art Center at 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

## 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

### The Girl in the Spider's Web

By David Lagercrantz  
Review by Susie Voth

It is risky business to continue an already established series after the death of an author. Readers have certain expectations for the characters and for the story.

David Lagercrantz, a well-respected Swedish author, was selected by the family of Stieg Larsson to continue the best-selling Millennium series featuring Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomkvist. Having read the first three books in the Millennium series ... well, sign me up.

Blomkvist still owns and works at Millennium although the magazine has fallen on hard times. He needs a great story to set the magazine back on track. In the middle of the night he receives a call from Frans Balder, a computer scientist on the cutting edge of artificial intelligence research.

Balder fears for his life and promises Blomkvist a scoop that will pull Millennium out of its slump if Blomkvist will immediately interview him.

When Blomkvist arrives at the

address given by Balder, emergency vehicles are already on the scene.

What has happened and how will Blomkvist get the scoop now?

Salander, super hacker extraordinaire, has infiltrated one of the most highly secure agencies in Washington D. C., the National Security Agency (NSA). Her hacking skills are not as subtle as she thinks and Salander is discovered by an NSA agent.

He is on her trail, all the way from the United States to Sweden.

Amid these dilemmas there is a child, August, the autistic son of Frans Balder. August has seen too much and his life is in danger. Salander and Blomkvist work in tandem to protect him and solve the many mysteries in this fast paced novel.

Lagercrantz is not Larsson; however, he takes the Millennium series and within the pages of "The Girl in the Spider's Web," tells an engaging tale.

1) Visit the library more often. Libraries offer a treasure trove of books for readers and checking out or downloading books costs nothing

2) Read more books. Reading is a great activity any time of the day and, in addition, is relaxing

3) Talk about books with others. Don't be shy about sharing your good reads with family and friends

4) Read all types of books. Reading outside your usual habits will open up your reading experience

5) Keep a list of the books you've read. You never know when you'll be asked to name your favorite books of the year.

### Holiday closure

The Florence and Mapleton libraries will both close at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, and be closed on Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

The library would like to wish all of its patrons a wonderful and safe holiday season.

### Literary New Year's resolutions

Among all the usual New Year's resolutions dealing with dieting and exercise and getting your finances in order, consider making some literary resolutions. Some suggestions:

### Strategic planning closure

The Siuslaw Public Library, both Florence and Mapleton branches, will be closed Saturday, Jan. 9, all day, for a strategic planning retreat at the library. A wide variety of community members will come together to help plan the library's future.

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## Submissions due tomorrow for FEC's Artistic Visions

The deadline has been extended to Thursday, Dec. 31, for artists to submit 2-D, 3-D and photography art pieces to the Florence Events Center (FEC) for the Artistic Visions Award Show.

The artwork will be on display from Tuesday, Jan. 5, through Monday, Feb. 1.

Three out-of-town judges have been selected for this show, each one respected in their field of expertise in 2-D, 3-D and photography artworks.

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded for first place in each category, along with honorable mention ribbons.

Each artist may submit

up to 3 pieces of art, and all pieces must be for sale.

A nonrefundable fee of \$20 per work must be sent with the entry form.

Reproductions of original artwork (ink-jet prints, etc., with the exception of photography) are not eligible.

All artwork must be hand-delivered to Gallery One at the FEC, 715 Quince St., on Monday, Jan. 4, between 9 a.m. and noon.

A reception for artists and the community will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, between 2 and 5 p.m., with awards presented at 2:30 p.m.

Applications are available at the FEC or on [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

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