

FRAA to host intensive writing 'Boot Camp'

Get down to the brass tacks of creative writing with a fun regimen designed to bring out the writer warrior in you on Jan. 16.

This hands-on workshop will help writers of all levels and genres:

- Define writing goals and projects for the New Year
- Break down any obstacles blocking the writer within
- Invigorate their prose with tools to fuel their creativity
- Get back in the writing flow and stay there all year
- Empower their writing with simple tips and strategies for success

Boot camp includes plenty of writing drills. Space is limited, so pre-registration is suggested.

Cost is \$20 for FRAA members, or \$25 nonmembers,

payable at the door.

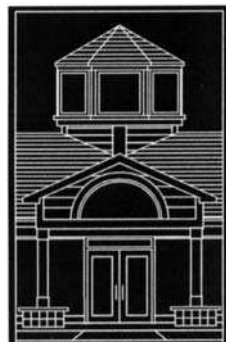
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Educated at the City University of New York, Oxford University and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, she has served as a contractual book editor and jacket cover copywriter for Amazon and Random House, in both print and digital formats.

Writers on the River provides an ongoing writing and discussion group open to all seeking the time and place to write.

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

Raven Stole the Moon

By Garth Stein
Book review by Susie Voth

It has been two years since 5-year-old Bobby Rosen disappeared into the cold waters of Thunder Bay near Wrangell, Alaska. Since the tragic accident his mother, Jenna, has not been able to move on with her life. She tried alcohol, pills, psychologists and psychiatrists, yet still she deeply mourns her child.

Impulsively, Jenna decides to return to Alaska and attempt to slay the demons that have haunted her since Bobby's death.

The demons she finds are directly tied to her Tlingit Indian heritage.

According to legend, Raven gave the kushtaka the power to watch over the woods and the seas in order to rescue lost souls on the verge of death and convert them to kushtaka. Once converted, the soul cannot pass to the Land of Dead Souls.

The soul is forever trapped as kushtaka. Jenna realizes that Bobby wasn't dead. He had not drowned. He was with the kushtaka.

It is up to her to rescue him. Garth Stein weaves an intricate tale of grief, redemption,

mystery and legend. He has created characters that are vivid and believable.

The spine-tingling supernatural elements of the story are based on Tlingit folklore. In fact, more than once during some of the frightening parts, I had to shut the book, take a short break and later return to the story.

The book on our shelves is a re-release of the 1998 edition of Raven Stole the Moon, Stein's first novel. In the afterword, Stein says that he made a few changes, such as omitting some of the vulgarities.

He writes, "I don't know why, when I was 31, I found cursing such a crucial form of expression." Also, he made the decision to retain the innocence of the pre-digital era and not update the technology.

Soup Night

The library will present Maggie Stuckey, author of Soup Night, discussing her book and presenting soups for sampling made by Friends of the Library volunteers on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m., in Florence, and at noon Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Mapleton branch in the Lions Club Building on Riverview Avenue in Mapleton.

Come learn about "Soup Nights," where neighbors build a real sense of community through the age-old idea of getting together for a simple meal (in this case, a soup supper) on a regular basis.

What Stuckey has found and documented in this cookbook is that the humble idea of gathering friends and neighbors on a regular basis for a casual night of soup and sides has an extraordinarily positive ripple effect on children, senior citizens, families and communities at large.

With simple ideas for gathering neighbors and friends together, readers will be looking for any opportunity to make "Soup Night" a part of their lives.

Friends of the Library seeks books

Welcome the New Year by making space on your bookshelves for all of the new and slightly used books you will acquire this year at the Friends of the Library book sales.

The Friends are always looking for donations of gently used books which may be brought to the library Circulation Desk at any time.

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Local filmmaker to kickstart film series

Local filmmaker Sean Sisson is preparing his team to create "The Fabulist's 7," a neo-noir throwback to serial

thrillers of yesteryear, by adapting his award-winning short film, "Glorious," into the pilot episode.

After taking home the Audience Favorite Award at the Eugene Film Society's annual 72-Hour Horror Short Film Competition, Sisson says he feels he has a story that resonates with audiences.

According to Joshua Purvis, Executive Director of the Eugene Film Society, "Glorious was an exceptional work. Beautifully shot, very well-acted, with confident pacing and storytelling. With funding and a longer timeline for production, one can only imagine what devilry, mischief and excitement awaits."

Resembling "The Twilight Zone" and "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," each episode of the mini-series will feature new themes, storylines and characters. Anthologies were very popular in the early days of television. With "The Fabulist's 7," Sisson hopes to resurrect this once beloved form of storytelling.

"I love the 'Pulp-Fiction

nature' of those old classics," says Sisson. "Short stories that blended, mystery, suspense, dark comedy; what Hitchcock called 'situation tragedy.'

"I'm thrilled to create within that framework."

The project will be realized with the help of a community crowdfunded Kickstarter campaign. Sisson and his crew are launching the "Glorious" Kickstarter in style with a champagne party and a live auction at City Lights Cinemas in Florence on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m.

All interested community members are invited to attend the free event.

Kickstarter is a crowdfunding platform with a mission to help bring creative projects to life. Supporting the Glorious Kickstarter Project is easy and will be available online beginning Jan. 16.

There are varied levels of contribution and every dollar earned will be spent on the making of "The Fabulist's 7," a mini-series based on the award-winning shirt film, "Glorious."

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On Thursday, January 7, 2016, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded Florence Food Share a very generous grant in order to continue their Culturally Diverse Food Project. This project aims to better serve the Latino communities in Western Lane County by serving culturally familiar food products to this population. Thank you so much to the Cow Creek Foundation for helping us to alleviate hunger in Western Lane County for the entire food insecure population.

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El Jueves 7 de enero de 2016, la Fundación Cow Creek Umpqua Indian le otorgo a Florence Food Share una concesión muy generosa con el fin de continuar su Proyecto de Comida Culturalmente Diversa. El fin de este proyecto es mejor servirle a la comunidad Latina del oeste del Condado Lane, proveyéndole a esta población comidas culturalmente familiares. Muchas gracias a la Fundación Cow Creek Umpqua Indian por ayudarnos aliviar el hambre del oeste del Condado Lane a toda la población sin comida segura.

WLCF grant application deadline is Friday

The deadline for the Western Lane Community Foundation's 2016 grant applications is Jan. 15. Information, guidelines and applications may be downloaded at www.wlcfonline.org. Applications must be received at the WLCF office, 491 Laurel St.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Florence area free TV provider
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WLT, a non-profit organization, has provided free, over-the-air broadcast signals (TV and radio) to the Florence community for 56 years. In 2014 we began to broadcast our own non-commercial radio station, KXCR, 90.7 FM.

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The public is invited to the annual meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Siuslaw Public Library, Florence Oregon.

Membership dues are \$10 per year or \$75 lifetime. Contributions or dues may be mailed to WLT at PO Box 91, Florence, OR 97439.

More information at <http://www.westlanetv.org>

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