

Hop aboard the Helping Hands Soup Train

Homegrown Pub invites restaurants in Florence to help the community by joining the Helping Hands Soup Train. Restaurants will take turns on Wednesdays of each week by bringing in a soup to support Helping Hands and the community.

The number of restaurants involved will determine how often each restaurant will be asked to share a soup.

Helping Hands has been

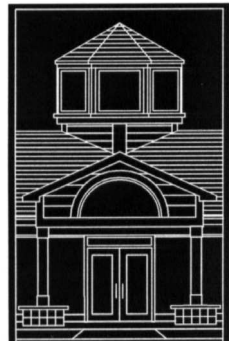
helping members in the community with food, clothing and other essentials such as bedding, toothpaste and more.

Helping Hands is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Helping Hands at 541-997-5057.

To be involved with the Helping Hands Soup Train, contact Jen Nelson at Homegrown at 541-997-4886.

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 Lunar Chronicles: 'Cinder,' 'Scarlet,' 'Cress,' 'Fairest' and 'Winter'

By Marissa Meyer
Book review by Susie Voth
"Cinder," the first book in the Lunar Chronicles, hooked me from page one. I like the futuristic setting, the characters, the plot, and the not-overdone descriptions. What I really love though is the story, a retelling of Cinderella with robots, cyborgs, and space ships.

Way cool. Cinder is a cyborg. Although she has the ability to fix almost anything (robots, hover crafts, her own malfunctioning parts) her status as a cyborg makes her a second class citizen, or worse. She resides with her step-mother and two step-sisters, Pearl and Peony, in New Beijing. Her workshop is in the market place and it is there that Prince Kai brings his android, Nainsi, for repairs.

As with every fairytale, there must be a wicked character. In the Lunar Chronicles that character is Lunar Queen Levanna. The ability to control the minds of others is a trait of the inhabitants of Lunar. Queen Levanna is very adept at this. She has nefarious aspirations for Earth that include marriage to Prince Kai

and ultimate control of the planet.

"Scarlet" is loosely based on the fairytale Little Red Riding Hood (Scarlet/Red — you get the picture). "Cress" is the name of the plant growing in the witch's garden in Rapunzel and in indicative of a character that in some way is isolated.

"Fairest" gives the backstory of evil Queen Levanna. Finally, "Winter," the princess with hair as black as ebony, skin as white as snow, and lips as red as blood — is Snow White of course.

The adventures of the fairytale characters in all of the books are exciting. As of now, all books in the series are published and can be read one after another without having to wait (unless of course the book is checked out).

Book groups and book lists

As mentioned in last week's Tidings, there are a number of book groups active in western Lane county. Here is a selection of 2015 books read by the Dark Horse Readers book group which meets in the library.

The top three favorites were: "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd, "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak, and "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger.

Other books read included "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khalid Hosseni, "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert, "Mink River" by Brian Doyle, "Walking the Gobi" by Helen Thayer, and "The Edge of Eternity" by Ken Follett.

As the Dark Horse Readers report, "Book groups are fun and get you out of your regular genre. You also make new friends who love to read!"

Our Mapleton branch

The Mapleton library, open Tuesday through Saturday, is at 88148 Riverview Ave., in the Lions Club Building.

With a nice view of the Siuslaw River, it's a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a good book or read the newspaper or use Wi-Fi.

Friends of the Library to meet

The Friends of the Library will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 25, in the library's conference room. All Friends members and library supporters are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the Friends of the Library at SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

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OPUS photo exhibit featured at Eugene Record Show

YACHATS — It seems appropriate that all that remains of this famed central Oregon coast '60s record shop is a peace sign preserved on the wall of a self-proclaimed old "hippie" in nearby Yachats.

The hippie is Jeff Howe, and this 67-year-old collector of vintage vinyl says he fondly remembers his favorite hang-out, OPUS Records and Relics, from 1968 to '71 when this eclectic LP shop was run by Ken Kesey's "Pranksters" near Kesey's summer home at Brays Point.

"When OPUS closed back in

1971, there were folks like me who wanted a 'piece' of it, and the piece I saved was this vintage Peace Sign," said Howe.

Thanks to Howe and friends in nearby Yachats — who saved "OPUS" memories — any unraveling of this spirit of the '60s record shop would be gone with the central Oregon coastal wind.

However, the Sunday, Feb. 21, Eugene Record Show — at the Eugene Hilton in downtown Eugene (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) — will feature a "Looking Back at OPUS Records and Relics" photo exhibit sponsored by the Silver Lining Boutique and the Florence Antique District along Highway 101 in Florence.

Howe fondly recalls a fellow OPUS record fan being Jimi Hendrix.

"Yea, OPUS was 'the' record shop along our coast for hard rock, psychedelic rock, blues and all the Dead's stuff because Kesey's Pranksters had it covered," explained Howe during a recent interview outside a now nondescript former coastal souvenir shop that once housed thousands of '60s-era records and head-shop "relics."

"So one day, one of these OPUS dudes tells me that 'Hendrix' walked in the door asking for 'Jimmy Fames and the Blue Flames' records; while the dudes took notice of this legendary guitar master," added Howe when recalling the Hendrix sighting was "some-time huge during the winter of 1968."

At the time, Seattle native Hendrix had not yet headlined at the Woodstock or Isle of Wight Festival in 1969 and 1970. It was two years before the singer's death at the age of 27 on Sept. 18, 1970.

"It was a better time for Hendrix back during his 1968 visit down the Oregon coast from his home up in Seattle. Hendrix was just voted 'Pop Musician of the Year' and he was simply another vinyl fan searching the massive racks of records at OPUS for his tunes, and other music he liked," said Howe, while showing off a black and white image of Hendrix holding an album inside this famed central Oregon coast record shop that "only opened when it rained," and "in those days it didn't rain a whole lot around here... so it

was rare to find Kesey's dudes opening the shop."

While Hendrix pioneered the use of his guitar as an electronic sound source, OPUS Records and Relics pioneered the selling of rock records as if the shop owners were a "Band of Gypsies."

According to the exhibit researcher and creator, the OPUS photo exhibit is all about "celebrating vintage records" at a time when the '60s rock 'n' roll generation took love and peace sign images as just as seriously as their favorite LPs.

OPUS is defined as "a piece of music," while the Looking Back at OPUS Records and Relics photo exhibit is a celebration of the central Oregon coast's legendary LP sales.

The Florence/Mapleton dealer sales table will feature vintage '60s records and relics unearthed at the OPUS files stored safely at Brays Point and in nearby Yachats. Kesey's "Trickster" Bugs Bunny rabbit (from the "Further" bus) will also be included in the OPUS photo exhibit.

—Submitted by Dave Masko

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FRAA to host writing workshops

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) welcomes writers of all levels and genres to join "Writers on the River" at the next monthly workshop.

"Writing from the Heart: Storytelling Essentials," will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Through simple techniques and experiential writing sessions, participants can discover their natural voice, awaken their creative genius and learn storytelling essentials.

Cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door. Preregistration is required.

For more information or to preregister, call 928-300-5568 or email CJReditor@gmail.com.

Workshops are taught by Catherine J. Rourke, an award-winning writer, journalist, columnist, author and editor.

The next workshop at FRAA will be March 19.

For more information call 541-999-0859 or visit www.fraaoregon.org.

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