

Library Friends invites public to next meeting

Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library invites everyone to its monthly meeting Thursday, June 23, at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. Refreshments are provided.

Anyone interested in supporting the library or learning more about the Friends is welcome.

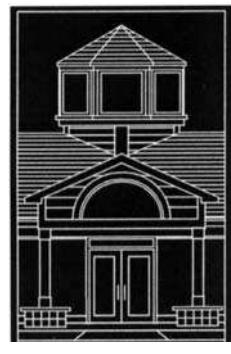
Agenda items this month include: plans for the Friends' Summer Reading food event to be held July 19, from noon to 3 p.m., featuring games and food

for your brain; a report on the Book Store located inside the Florence branch; updates from the library, including Summer Reading for all ages; and current volunteer opportunities such as outreach events, photographer, publicity and membership support.

The Friends of the Library meet the fourth Thursday of each month and supports the Siuslaw Public Library.

For more information, contact SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com.

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

A Share in Death

By Deborah Crombie

Book review by Susie Voth

What to do? What to do when one is waiting for the next installment from one's favorite author, or authors as the case may be?

Try a new-to-me author is the answer.

Deborah Crombie is an author my friend Beth has been encouraging me to read for quite some time and, as I wait for the next Maisie Dobbs book and the next Chief Inspector Gamache book, well, why not?

In "A Share in Death," Newly promoted Detective Superintendent Duncan Kincaid just wrapped up a big case and by great good fortune; his cousin gifted him with a week at a timeshare. Although Kincaid doesn't think that timeshare is his "cup of tea," he's tired and in need of a vacation, therefore he heads off to Woolsey-under-Bank in Yorkshire.

As will happen in murder mysteries, Kincaid has little chance to rest and recuperate before a murder takes place at Followdale, the very posh timeshare.

The local detective, Detective Chief Inspector Nash, arrives at

the scene of the murder, deems it a suicide, and dismisses Kincaid's experience and observations (no suicide note for example) and calls him "one of Scotland Yard's fancy men."

The timeshare get-away quickly becomes a working vacation for Kincaid. He calls in his partner, Sergeant Gemma James, to help with the collection of information and evidence.

James has only recently begun to work with Kincaid, yet she has become accustomed to him and misses the day to day working relationship that has been established. She is eager to work.

"A Share in Death" is the first in the Kincaid/James mystery series and as usual, the book introduces the reader to the characters; they are not yet fully fleshed out.

Currently, there are 18 books in the series and the team of Kincaid and James has had many more murderous adventures.

Summer Reading program activities in full swing

If you haven't signed up for summer reading yet, be sure to do so. Children, teens and

adults are all invited to participate, and there are programs and activities for all ages.

There are story times on Tuesday and Friday mornings, a variety of movies for kids and adults on Thursday afternoon, adult programs most Tuesdays through July and, of course, there's the weekly Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) Read, Set, Play! activity each week at the library for kids.

Sign up, get your schedule, and start taking part in the most popular library program of the year.

Mark your calendars!

Some upcoming adult programs include author Connie Soper, discussing the Oregon Coast Trail and her book about hiking it on Tuesday, July 12, at 6 pm; the Friends of the Library celebrating "Feed your Mind" with games and brain food on Tuesday, July 19, at noon; and finally Jennings and Keller, a wonderful musical duo playing their own music, on Tuesday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

And planning is already underway for some wonderful programs coming this fall.

Be sure to check out your library!

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WLCF announces continuing ed. scholarship

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has announced its second annual Continuing Education Scholarships program for 2016.

These scholarships are awarded annually to students who live within the Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton and Deadwood areas and who have already graduated from high school, have their diploma, GED or were home schooled, and are eligible to

enter higher education or trade schools.

Such applicants as second-, third- and fourth-year college students, students entering post graduate programs, adults returning to higher education, trade schools, special arts programs, etc., after career or family changes, job losses, older individuals and nontraditional students would be eligible to apply.

Scholarships are available for traditional four-year uni-

versities, colleges, community colleges and approved trade schools.

While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics include financial need, outside activities, work history and volunteerism.

Those who meet these minimum qualifications are encouraged to complete an application, accompanied by a copy of their transcript of

grades through senior year of high school or any completed post-high school education, two letters of recommendation and a resume including honors, awards, clubs, community service and work history for the last five years.

Applications can be obtained and submitted online at wlcfc@wlcfonline.org, or mailed to WLCF, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR 97439.

The deadline for postmark or receipt is July 15.

Consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer

Lane County is seeking host families for this summer. The Oregon 4-H International Program is offering the opportunity for families to host Japanese delegates from Sunday, July 24, through Saturday, Aug. 20.

It is important to make host family assignments as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other prior to arrival in Oregon.

Who can host:

- Oregon families who are interested in other cultures and enjoy working with youth (ages 12-15).

- A separate bed is required. However, a separate room from the host sibling is not necessarily required.

- A potential host family must have a same gender sibling within two years of age of the delegate.

What you do:

- The host family treats the delegate as a family member, rather than a tourist/guest, and

keeps a "regular" family schedule. That could mean: chores, fairs, camping, ballgames, playing board games, etc., very busy or not so busy. It just depends on what your family likes to do.

- Local coordinators are available 24/7 by phone.

The application is as follows:

- Delegates will be matched with a host family after the family has been approved through the application process. At that time, program coordinators will make matches based on the available delegates.

- For more information, contact Lauren Hesse at 541-268-6943. Information is also available at www.oregon4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/global-citizenship/exc-in/japan.

Here is a list of Japanese delegates who are coming to

Oregon and seeking a host family for a month:

Boys—12 years old
• NGO-019 (12/19/2003): Interests include baseball, Shogi, railroads, reading, nature/outdoors

• ORM-099 (10/04/2003): Interests include hiking, camping, arts and crafts, nature and outdoors, swimming and table tennis

Boys—13 years old
• OR-M-120 (7/14/2003): Interests include soccer, dance, animals, hiking and camping

• U16-OR-M-01 (11/22/2002): Interests include tennis and other sports, singing, biking (UTREK delegate: a two-day camping experience will happen at the beginning of the exchange for the delegate and the host sibling)

Boys—15 years old
• U16-OR-M-02 (12/5/2000): Interests include animals, cooking, camping, painting and drawing, gardening (UTREK delegate: a two-day camping experience will happen at the beginning of the exchange for the delegate and the host sibling)

Girls—12 years old
• OR-F-053 (1/30/2004): Interests include music, cooking and dancing

Girls—13 years old
• OR-F-054 (6/3/2003): Interests include dodge ball, piano, dancing, animals, camping (some dust allergies — can use inhaler by herself)

• OR-F-071 (5/20/2003): Interests include cooking, singing, painting/drawing, trying new foods

• U16-OR-F-02 (4/18/2003): Interests include reading, cooking, arts and crafts, museums (UTREK delegate: a two-day camping experience will happen at the beginning of the exchange for the delegate and the host sibling)

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