

## PFLAG to celebrate fifth anniversary at next meeting

Much has happened in the five years since the very first meeting “for those potentially interested in PFLAG” was held at the Siuslaw Public Library in September 2011.

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of that first meeting, PFLAG Florence will return to the site of its first meeting — the Conference Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence — for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

In October, regular meetings will return to the Florence

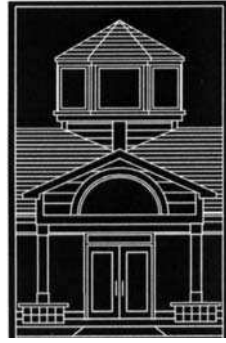
campus of Lane Community College.

As always, the meeting is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Come meet the board, find out more about the organization nationally and regionally, and get a look at the free resources PFLAG makes available at every meeting.

PFLAG is the country’s largest organization for parents, families, friends and straight allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT).

## 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 Pier Falls and Other Stories

By Mark Haddon

Book review by Kevin Mittge

Award-winning author Mark Haddon is best known for his hit novel “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.”

In “The Pier Falls and Other Stories,” Haddon has written nine dazzling stories diverse in style but united in emotional power.

In the title story, an unnamed narrator describes with cool precision a catastrophe that strikes a seaside town, both tearing lives apart and bringing them together.

In a prize-winning story “The Gun,” a boy’s life is marked by the afternoon he encounters a semiautomatic pistol belonging to his friend’s older brother; in “The Island,” a Greek princess is abandoned on an island by her abductor; in “The Boys Who Left Home to Learn Fear,” a group of adventurers travel deep in the Amazon jungle but discover the gravest danger lurking among their own number.

The characters here are often isolated physically or estranged from their families, yet they yearn for connection.

Drawing inventively from history, myth, folktales and modern

life, this story collection shows Haddon’s immense gifts of invention and insight.

### Story Time and Lego Club are back

September marks the return of two popular children’s programs.

Twice-weekly, Story Time with Ms. Gayle is a time spent on hearing great stories, playing games and enjoying fun craft activities.

Story Time is each Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m.

The Lego Club is held the first and third Friday of each month at 2:30 p.m., either in the Bromley or Conference room.

Kids from grades 2 through 6 are invited to come and enjoy creating things with the ever popular Legos.

### Providing your email address helps

There are certain advantages if you have an email address and provide that address to the library. First, when you are expecting to receive a book that’s been on hold for you, you will immediately be notified when available — you don’t have to wait for the mail and you help save the library postage. How great is that?

Next, you will get an email three days before your materials are due, alerting you to either renew the checkout or return the items. Also, you can receive overdue notices by email.

And finally, if you fail to renew your library account, which is required each year, you’ll get an email a month after it expires reminding you to renew. The accounts need to be renewed so that we have an opportunity to update any changes to address, email or contact information.

If not renewed, your account will ultimately be dropped off the library system in 18 months.

So, be sure to provide your email address, for some great advantages.

### Mapleton Branch

The Mapleton library is located at 88148 Riverview Ave., in the Lion’s 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.

The library also has books, magazines, DVDs and videos, recorded books, Internet computers, wireless Internet access, a rotating art display and more.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

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You might “Begin with the Beguine” in “Hernando’s Hideaway” and then Mambo with a nice Italiano in old Milano on your way to Napoli for an enchilada with fish bacala.

Then “Sway on to Brazil” where you can “Blame It on the Bossa Nova” if you end up spending “A Day in the Life of a Fool.”

You won’t be “Desafinado” (slightly out of tune) if you make sure you do a “Summer Samba” to “The Rhythm of the Night.”

If it’s “Too Hot to Samba,” just catch the “Wave” and follow “Nica’s Dream” to some “Quiet Nights” by a window looking out on the mountains and the sea.

All this and more is coming to the Florence Events Center in two flat-floor performances



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The FloTones will have four performances this month, beginning Sept. 10.

of “FloTones and Friends present Latin Rhythms” on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and

available at the FEC box office or online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

Two additional performances will be given at Class Act Theatre, 509

Kingwood St., on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 and 17, at 7 p.m.

For tickets, call the theater at 541-991-3773 or order online at [ShowTix4U.com](http://ShowTix4U.com).

## Legendary singer Maria Muldaur to sing in Yachats

YACHATS — Polly Plumb Productions and The City of Yachats present Maria Muldaur and Her Red Hot

Bluesiana Band on Friday, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m., in the Yachats Commons.

General admission tickets

are \$20; reserved seats are \$30 at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

The Yachats Commons is at 441 Highway 101 in Yachats,

and doors open 7:30 p.m.

Visit the Polly Plumb Productions online at [www.PollyPlumb.org](http://www.PollyPlumb.org).

## Homegrown offers free beer tasting Friday

Come enjoy a free beer tasting at Homegrown Public

House this Friday, Sept. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., when the

featured beer will be Claim 52 Brewing from Eugene.

Claim 52 is a community-scale brewery serving Eugene and surrounding areas since 2012. Its name reflects its deep roots in the community, as well as its humble beginnings as a company.

The name “Claim 52” refers to the land claim settled by pioneer William Luckey in what is now part of South Eugene — where Claim 52’s first recipes were developed.

While the brewery has grown a bit over the years, its mission remains the same: to bring incredibly flavorful and approachable beers fresh from tank to tap. Unless it’s a specialty barrel-aged beer, you won’t find Claim 52 sitting on the grocery store shelf.

With a pioneering spirit and unwavering attention to quality, Claim 52 strives to put a unique stamp on traditional beer styles, like its German Kolsch, IPAs and Northwest red ale, as well as a rotation of seasonal varieties.

Homegrown Public House is at 294 Laurel St. in Historic Old Town Florence. For more information, call 541-997-4886.

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