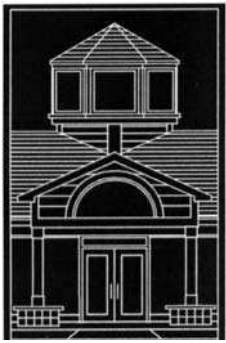


## Library Tidings



### 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 Mitge

### Something in the Blood

By David J. Skal  
Book Review

“Something in the Blood: The Untold Story of Bram Stoker, the Man who Wrote Dracula” is a wonderful biography of the man who wrote a cult classic, but whose own story is little known.

Author David Skal exhumes the inner world and strange genius of the writer who birthed an undying cultural icon, painting an astonishing portrait of the age in which Stoker was born — a time when death was no metaphor but a constant threat easily imagined as a character existing in flesh and blood.

Born into a middle-class family in Ireland during the famine, Stoker’s early years unfolded alongside a parade of Victorian medical mysteries and horrors: cholera and typhus, frantic bloodletting, mesmeric quack cures and the gnawing obsession with “bad blood” that colors Dracula.

In this probing psychological and cultural portrait of the man who brought us one of the most memorable monsters in history, Skal reveals a lifetime spent wrestling with the greatest questions of an era — a time riddled

by disease, competing attitudes toward sex and gender and unprecedented scientific innovation accompanied by rising paranoia and crises of faith.

Stoker’s battle resulted in a resilient modern folktale that continues to shock and enthrall.

If you enjoy biographies or knowing the background to a well-known book or movie, you will enjoy this book.

### Black Suitcase Mystery with author Gail Downs

Author Gail Elliott Downs will be speaking to the Siuslaw Genealogical Society at the library today, Nov. 16, beginning at 7 p.m., about “The Black Suitcase Mystery.”

Step back in time to the 1940s and delve into a World War II mystery involving B-24 Liberator bombers, the men who flew them and the women who waited for their safe return.

Downs, from Depoe Bay, worked as an elementary school librarian and had inherited a “black suitcase” full of 1930s and ’40s letters and mementos.

A fifth-grade class took the suitcase on as a project, searching out the story of the World War II era correspondents.

Downs has compiled the

whole story in a wonderful book that she will discuss in this free, public program.

Refreshments will be provided.

The Siuslaw Genealogical Society is a library sponsored group.

### Hang-It All art display

Don’t miss this month’s Hang It All art display, featuring a wide variety of artistic talent from western Lane county. Each time you visit the library be sure to place your vote for your favorite work of art for the People’s Choice Award.

Can’t decide which to vote for? Vote for a different work on each visit.

The library’s Art Committee will also be selecting a work as “Best in Show.”

### Holiday Closure

The library will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, as well as the following day, Friday, Nov. 25.

Regular hours resume at 10 a.m. in Florence and at noon in Mapleton on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

## City Lights dishes up ‘All You Can Eat’ with Fanny

Florence’s first drag queen, Jason Wood’s Fanny Rugburn, takes the Chaplin Stage at City Lights Cinemas this Friday at 9 p.m. for a night of shenanigans.



PHOTO BY DAVE HANSEN

Jason Wood as Fanny Rugburn

Fanny has prepared “All You Can Eat” for this performance, including her signature recipes, advice column, songs, monologues and more.

This is a one-woman show you will not want to miss!

Wood debuted Fanny at several events throughout the past year, including at Three Rivers Casino Resort, Old Town Barbershop, Class Act Theatre and on Fanny’s YouTube channel.

Wood describes Fanny as unrelenting, loud-mouthed and the “hungriest drag queen in the world.” City Lights will be selling concessions in the

lobby for audience members to eat their hearts out.

All of Fanny’s shows are for audiences 18 and older due to her adult themed content.

Tickets for “Fanny Rugburn: All You Can Eat” are \$10 and are available now at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, and at citylightscinemas.com.

## Children’s choir to perform

Joyful Noise Children’s Choir will present its Christmas production, “Angels Alert,” on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m., at the Florence Christian Church at Second and Ivy streets.

Joyful Noise Children’s Choir is for children of the community, ages 4 years old through fifth grade.

The event is free to attend. For more information call 514-997-2291.

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