

LCC offers driver safety class on May 18

A Driver Safety class is being offered by Lane Community College and is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Shorewood Retirement Residences.

This course offers an opportunity to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely.

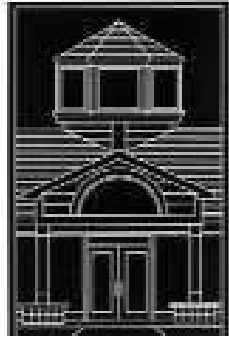
Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 541-997-8444.

Completion of this six-hour refresher course can yield discounted auto insurance premiums for safe driving individuals 55 and older.

The course fee is \$20 with a \$5 discount for current AARP members and includes a workbook and other course materials and is payable to AARP at the time of the class.

For more information call Laura Merz at 541-997-8444.

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.

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Book Review "Never Caught" by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

"Never Caught," by Erica Armstrong Dunbar, is subtitled *The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* — which just about says it all.

When George and Martha Washington moved from their beloved Mount Vernon in Virginia to Philadelphia, then the seat of the nation's capital, they took nine enslaved people with them. They would serve as cooks and horsemen, as house servants and personal attendants.

The North was different for the entire household, free and enslaved, white and black.

There was a new climate to adjust to, and new mores as well. Slavery, in Philadelphia at least, was looked down upon.

Indeed, there was even a law requiring slaveholders to free their slaves after six months.

Yet George Washington thought he could outwit and circumvent the law by sending his slaves south every six months, thereby resetting the clock. Among the slaves to figure out this subterfuge was Ona Judge, Martha Washington's chief

attendant.

Having interacted with Philadelphia's sizable free black community, Ona Judge observed and soon longed for liberation. And, risking everything she knew, leaving behind everyone she loved and had known her entire life, she fled.

Here, then, is the story not only of the powerful lure of freedom but also George Washington's determination to recapture his property by whatever means necessary.

"Never Caught" is the only book that examines the life of an 18-century fugitive woman in intricate detail, and it provides a new look at George Washington's relationship to slavery.

An important new work on one of the world's most celebrated families, "Never Caught" is a must-read for anyone interested in American history.

Endowment Books presentation

In the first program of Adult Summer Reading, on Friday, June 9, at 1 p.m., Librarian Kevin Mittge will be presenting a selection of this year's endowment books. The purchase of these books is made possible by the contributions to the Siuslaw

Public Library's Endowment Fund, which is administered by Western Lane Community Foundation.

The Endowment Fund was established in the early 1990s with a contribution from the Friends of the Library, who have made successive contributions since then, as well as have numerous individual donors.

Each year the book purchases increase and so this year only a selection of the books will be displayed. Attendees will get the first chance to view and check out some wonderful new library books.

Repairing damaged materials

If you notice that a book is damaged once you've begun to read it or if you're listening to an audiobook or watching a DVD that is having problems, be sure to let library staff know when you return the item.

We can't fix the problem unless we know about it.

Our volunteer repairmen are wizards at repairing damaged books, DVDs and CDs, so don't hesitate to let us know if there is a problem with any materials you check out.

The Florence Organic Farmers' Market will start its 21st season on May 20 and continuing through October 28.
The market is open SATURDAYS, 10am – 2pm at 310 Highway 101 (Pro Lumber)
 The market accepts WIC and Farm Direct Nutrition vouchers.
 For more information, call Maria at 541-902-8815.

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Alternative Radio host Barsamian to speak at library

Local radio station, KXCR, will present David Barsamian at the Siuslaw Public Library on Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

Barsamian's 2016 tour was unexpectedly canceled last year due to his ill health.

The good news is Barsamian has regained his health and is coming to Florence for a special event in which he'll examine the broad coalition of opposition to current Trump administration policies.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend to listen to an informative discussion



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David Barsamian

that addresses concerns about

the nation's ability to cope with the challenges it faces.

Barsamian will also speak about the efforts to protect federal programs that may be in danger of significant cuts to popular programs including: medicare, social security and the environment during the Trump administration.

Barsamian is the award-winning founder and director of Alternative Radio, the independent weekly audio series based in Boulder, Colo.

Alternative Radio is broadcast locally on non-profit radio station, KXCR.

Barsamian is one of America's most wide-ranging and respected independent journalists.

He has altered the media landscape with his on air interviews with Noam Chomsky, Tariq Ali, Howard Zinn, Edward Said, Arundhati Roy and others.

There is no admission fee for this event, but donations to KXCR will support the programming the station is currently broadcasting.

This program is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Siuslaw Public Library.

Beauty Culture pop-up boutique comes to 'The Studios at Jane Smoley Design'

The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design presents a pop-up spa and beauty boutique during Rhody Days on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beauty Culture Night is Eugene's premier self-care event and it is coming to Florence for one day only.

The 'Pop-up' spa will feature hourly essential oil classes, jewelry, makeup, skincare techniques and clothing, along with hourly raffles.

Beauty Culture organizer Amy Van Dyke said,

"I am thrilled to be part of bringing Beauty Culture to Florence for the first time. I'll be teaching hourly classes throughout the day, so be sure to stop in."

There will also be facial waxing and chair massage.

Beauty Culture hopes to create a culture and movement of self care through health and wellness, education and con-

nections.

"We want to support and empower a culture of self care, education, entrepreneurship and overall health and wellness," said Van Dyke. "Seasonal gatherings allow women to be pampered and learn about wellness education."

This event is free to the public and will be held at The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design, 1458 First St. in Florence.

Grand Re-Opening CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the Florence Area Chamber Visitors Center.

The Remodeling is complete and we have two artists (Digital Dunes Photography & Lakeshore Myrtlewood) currently exhibiting their work in the Visitors lobby. Come see how we're greeting our visitors and locals to promote the Florence Community.

Wednesday May 17th from 4:30 – 6:30.

Refreshments and beverages will be available to enjoy as you peruse our newly remodeled gateway to Florence.

Everyone is welcome!

OREGON COAST Florence Area Chamber of Commerce

Florence Regional Arts Alliance Presents
Rhody Days ARTS FESTIVAL
An Eclectic Show and Sale of Unique Works of Art and Fine Craftsmanship

Friday ~ May 19th 11am ~ 5pm
Saturday ~ May 20th 10am ~ 5pm

Florence Events Center 715 Quince Street (Behind Safeway)

Free Admission!

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For Event Information Call 541.902.1933