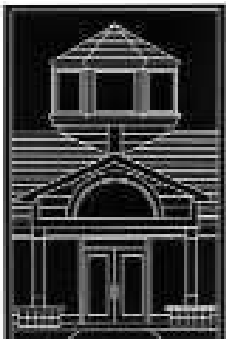


Library Tidings



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

"Spoonbenders"

By Daryl Gregory
Book Review

Teddy Telemachus is a charming con man with a gift for sleight of hand. Short on cash, he volunteers for a study on ESP that's secretly backed by the CIA. There he meets Maureen McKinnon. It's not just her piercing blue eyes that leave Teddy forever charmed, but her mind - Maureen is a genuine psychic of immense and mysterious power. After a whirlwind courtship, they marry, have three gifted children, and become the Amazing Telemachus Family, performing astounding feats across the country.

Irene is a human lie detector. Frankie can move objects with his mind. And Buddy, the youngest, can see the future. Then one night tragedy leaves the family shattered. Decades later, the Telemachuses are not so amazing. Irene is a single mom whose ear for truth makes it hard to hold down a job, much less hold together a relationship. Frankie's in serious debt to his dad's old mob associates. Buddy has completely withdrawn into himself and inexplicably begun digging a hole in the backyard.

To make matters worse, the CIA has come knocking, looking to see if there's any magic left in the Telemachus clan. And there is: Irene's son Matty has just had his first out-of-body experience. But he hasn't told anyone, even though his newfound talent might be just what the family needs to save themselves - if it doesn't tear them apart in the process.

Harnessing the imaginative powers that have made him a renowned master storyteller, Daryl Gregory in Spoonbenders delivers a stunning, laugh-out-loud new novel about a family of gifted dreamers and the invisible forces that bind us all.

Donations for Book Sale Needed

The Friends of the Library will be holding their next book sale on Labor Day weekend and they are seeking donations! Please bring any unwanted books or other materials to the library's circulation desk.

The Friends sales help support the library in many ways, from helping with the costs of putting on programs to helping purchase new furniture and equipment. Your donation to the Friends goes a long way towards helping the library continue to provide excellent service to district residents

and visitors.

Solar Eclipse Program

Don't forget that this Saturday, August 5, at 1 p.m., Dr. James Brau, from the Department of Physics at the University of Oregon, will be speaking on the Total Solar Eclipse 2017: When? Where? Why? and Safety Precautions.

The greatly anticipated event is occurring on Monday, August 21, and Dr. Brau will provide all the information necessary to view and understand the eclipse.

The library will have special eclipse viewing glasses available for attendees of the program, and then will begin distributing them to non-attendees on August 14.

This program is co-sponsored by the Adult Continuing Education Series at Lane Community College in Florence.

Summer Reading Grand Finales

The summer reading grand finale for kids in Mapleton will be today, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Mapleton Branch. In Florence the event will take place tomorrow, beginning at 10 a.m.. Don't miss this exciting conclusion to a fantastic summer reading program!

SOS receives donation from Florence Unitarians

On Thursday, July 20, Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) was presented a donation check of \$3,632 by Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) members David Dumas and Jennifer French. Bob Teter, the new Executive Director for SOS, accepted the check.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the FUUF congregation selects four quarterly local groups in which they want to support through monetary donation.

The next quarterly offering is set up to support Backpacks for Kids in Florence.

Three of the seven principles that Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote are the inherent worth & dignity of every person, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and respect for the interdependent web of all existence - of which we are all a part.

The mission of SOS is to provide compassionate, respectful and confidential support to people in need.

You can find more information on SOS at www.florence-sos.org.

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WLCF awards \$10,500 in continuing ed scholarships

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) will host its third annual Continuing Education Scholarships program for 2017 included eight scholarships totaling \$10,500.

These scholarships are awarded to students who use permanent home addresses within the Florence-Mapleton school district, have graduated from high school in a prior year, have obtained their GED, and/or other nontraditional students.

Applicants such as second-, third- and fourth-year college students; students entering post graduate programs; and adults returning to higher education, trade schools, special arts programs, after career or family changes, etc., were encouraged to apply.

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

WLCF is proud to present the following students with these scholarships and congratulations to each:

The Arlis Ulman Scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000 and is designated for a student majoring in a LCC

nursing program or taking credits for admission to the Nursing Program either in Eugene or Florence.

Stacy Dixon is a full time CNA at Peace Harbor Hospital, a single mom raising her three children as well as a niece and she maintains a 3.37 GPA.

Jennifer Connor was selected to receive the Don Tiegen Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500, which will assist her as she plans to attend the University of Oregon and major in Theater Arts. She currently is employed at Florence Events Center. Her last GPA was 3.13.

The following four students

received \$1,000 scholarships from WLCF directly and two from the Beachcomber Pub as a result of their annual Beachcomber Community Education Scholarship fundraiser:

Annalee Bour is planning to attend Southern Oregon Community College in its pre-Nursing Program and her last GPA was 2.78. She is a CNA at Regency and a single mom. Cody Burkhart is attending Pacific University majoring in Environmental Biology with a GPA of 3.91. He has been a self employed maintenance worker at Oregon Pacific Bank and has volunteered at the

Elks Club Share Shop.

Holly Hicks attends George Fox University while majoring in Global Business and maintains a 3.88 GPA. Christine Newlan has a GPA of 3.67 and is attending Southern Oregon Community College with the goal of attaining an AAS in Elementary Education. Paige Roe attends Lane Community College, majors in Nursing, and has a GPA of 3.48.

Elizabeth Wartnik majors in Musical Composition and Vocals at George Fox University, earning a GPA of 3.84.

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COAST RADIO OUR TOWN

Our Town: BACK TO SCHOOL

It is almost time to go back to school! Teachers and Staff are preparing to welcome back students and this month on Coast Radio's "Our Town" we are celebrating the focus, dedication, and passion of our local Educators. Plus we will take a look at the future of one of our newest go to destinations The Oregon Coast Military Museum.

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GIVING BACK

NON-PROFIT SPOTLIGHT

Kiwanis Club of Florence

Q: Describe your organization.
A: Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Our local club looks out for our community and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty. We are generous with our time. We are creative with our ideas. We are passionate about making a difference. And we have fun along the way.

Q: What are your greatest accomplishments so far, this year?
A: Continuing to support local children of all ages. Kiwanis grants were awarded to the Backpack Program, Mapleton 4H, Siuslaw Elementary Science Program and more.

Q: Do you have a personal story that describes the impact your organization has had in the community?
A: Supporting the local Boys & Girls Club. It is a positive ongoing program that touches so many children of all ages.

Q: What is your current greatest need?
A: Membership! We are looking for more members that want to give back to the kids in their community!

Q: Describe your organizations personality in three words.
A: Giving, Driven, and Fun loving

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