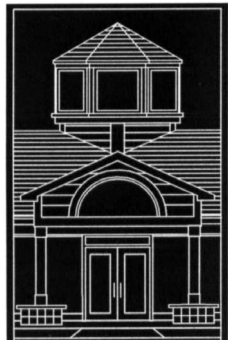


# Library Tidings



## 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

### BOOK REVIEW THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS BY MICHAEL FINKEL

Many people dream of escaping modern life, but most will never act on it. Told in a riveting narrative, this is the remarkable true story of a man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years and made this dream a reality.

In 1986, a shy and intelligent 20-year-old named Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the forest.

He would not have a conversation with another human being until nearly three decades later when he was arrested for stealing food. Living in a tent even through brutal winters, he had survived by his wits and courage, developing ingenious ways to store edibles and water, and avoiding freezing to death.

He broke into nearby cottages for food, clothing, reading material and other provisions, taking only what he needed but terrifying a community never able to solve the mysterious burglaries.

Based on extensive interviews with Knight himself, "The Stranger in the Woods" is a vividly detailed account of his secluded life — why did he leave? what did he learn? — as well as the challenges Knight

has faced since returning to the world.

It is gripping story of survival that asks fundamental questions about solitude, community and what makes a good life, as well as a deeply moving portrait of a man who was determined to live his own way, and succeeded.

### DEMARTS IS COMING!

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the library will be presenting the very popular demARTS. This demonstration and celebration of arts from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will feature a wide range of artists and crafts people demonstrating their work.

Enjoy textile painting, calligraphy, rock painting, reading journals, Zentangle, decoupage and a lot more.

Visit the "Create & Take Room" and make cards and buttons and recycled art. Demonstrations by the Fiber Arts Guild will be in the lobby, and people can have a photo button created by the Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club.

Last Resort Players will also be giving a preview of their musical "Annie."

Don't miss this fun and exciting program at the library!

### GENEALOGY CLASSES

The library will be offering

two introductory family history classes this month and there is still time to sign up.

"Finding Your Roots" will be on Friday, Oct. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Finding Records will be on Fri., Oct. 27th, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Both classes are limited to 12 participants, so contact the reference desk, 541-997-3132, to register.

### ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CLASS TOMORROW

The library is co-sponsoring an event with the Oregon Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association tomorrow, Oct. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

"Legal and Financial Planning For Alzheimer's and Other Dementias" will be the topic of the class. All classes are free, but people should call 800-272-3900 to register.

### MAPLETON BRANCH

The Mapleton library is located at 88148 Riverview Avenue, 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.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Check it out!

# Dunes City Seeks Citizen Advisory applicant

The Dunes City Planning Commission is seeking applicants for appointment to a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will provide recommendations on proposed changes to Dunes City's Zoning and Development Code (Sections 155.1, 155.2 and 155.3).

Applicants must complete an Application for Appointive Office form available at Dunes City Hall, or from the city's website at dunescity.com/permits-and-forms.

Applications can be mailed or delivered to Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce St., Westlake, Ore., 97493, or emailed to [planning@dunes](mailto:planning@dunes)

cityor.com.

Applications must be received in Dunes City Hall by noon on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Appointments may be made during the Oct. 31 Planning Commission Special Session.

Applicants will be notified when appointments will be made and should plan to be present.

Details of the CAC's responsibilities will be provided. It is expected that the CAC will convene as often as necessary to complete its review and provide its recommendations to the Planning Commission.

For additional information, contact Planning Secretary at 541-997-3338.

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