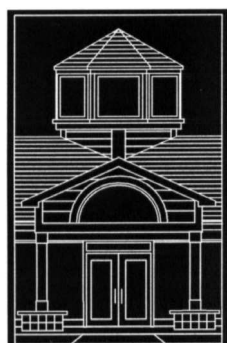


Library Tidings



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 Mitige

Book Review "Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet" by Lyndal Roper

This definitive biography reveals the complicated inner life of the founding father of the Protestant Reformation, whose intellectual assault on Catholicism ushered in a century of upheaval that transformed Christianity and changed the course of world history.

On Oct. 31, 1517, so the story goes, a shy monk named Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper to the door of the Castle Church in the university town of Wittenberg. The ideas contained in these Ninety-five Theses, which boldly challenged the Catholic Church, spread like wildfire. Within two months, they were known all over Germany. So powerful were Luther's broadsides against papal authority that they polarized a continent and tore apart the very foundation of Western Christendom.

Luther's ideas inspired upheavals whose consequences we live with today.

But who was the man behind the Ninety-five Theses? Lyndal Roper's magisterial new biography goes beyond Luther's theology to investigate the inner life of the religious reformer who has been called "the last

medieval man and the first modern one."

Here is a full-blooded portrait of a revolutionary thinker who was, at his core, deeply flawed and full of contradictions. Luther was a brilliant writer whose biblical translations had a lasting impact on the German language.

Yet he was also a strident fundamentalist whose scathing rhetorical attacks threatened to alienate those he might persuade. He had a colorful, even impish personality, and when he left the monastery to get married ("to spite the Devil," he explained), he wooed and wed an ex-nun.

But he had an ugly side too. When German peasants rose up against the nobility, Luther urged the aristocracy to slaughter them. He was a ferocious anti-Semite and a virulent misogynist, even as he argued for liberated human sexuality within marriage.

A distinguished historian of early modern Europe, Lyndal Roper looks deep inside the heart of this singularly complex figure. The force of Luther's personality, she argues, had enormous historical effects — both good and ill. By bringing us closer than ever to the man himself, she opens up a new vision of the Reformation and

the world it created and draws a fully three-dimensional portrait of its founder.

Lego Club

The Lego Club meets this Friday at 2:30 pm in the library's Bromley Room. This activity is open to children old enough to work independently without parental assistance, creating and exploring the wonderful world of Legos.

The club meets the first and third Fridays of each month.

Siuslaw Room

Did you know that the library has a nice collection of Oregon history materials and a large collection of family history resources? In the Siuslaw Room you will find a number of books dealing with local and Oregon history, including copies of the Siuslaw Pioneer, histories of various counties and towns around the state, and a few Siuslaw High School yearbooks.

The library has a collection of The West, The Oar and the Siuslaw News (the newspapers of Florence) from about 1891 to present on microfilm, some family history files for western Lane County families and several workstations for genealogy research.

LIHEAP signups begin today at SOS

LIHEAP (Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program) signups will start Nov. 1, at 9 a.m. and not before.

Signups can be done by calling 541-997-2816, coming to Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) or going online to www.lanecounty.org/energyassistance.

Due to reduced funding, a

limited number of signups will be accepted.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that was created to help subsidize energy cost for senior/disabled, low-income families or individuals dealing with increased heating cost during the winter months.

For more information, contact Dianna at 541-997-2816.

Annual OCHS Christmas Store opens today

The Oregon Coast Humane Society's (OCHS) Christmas Store is packed full of Christmas decorations and gifts for all ages, and opens its doors today, Nov. 1.

This year's store is located at 2775 Highway 101, between the Verizon Store and Domino's Pizza.

There is holiday home and outdoor décor and gift giving items for all ages.

The store is smaller than in past years, so shoppers can return multiple times as new stock is brought in as space permits.

As in years past, volunteers are needed to assist shoppers.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the store can call Christmas Store Manager Danielle Dickson at 541-999-5702, or stop by the store between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Store hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

The store will be closed on Thanksgiving Day as per tradition, and will re-open the following day, Nov. 24, and continue through Dec. 1.

Annual Crab Crack returns to benefit Food Share

Tickets for the seventh annual Florence Crab Crack will go on sale after Dec. 1.

Tickets will continue to be available Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St. in Florence, or by calling 541-997-9110.

Purchase a ticket and join the other 399 people who will attend the Crab Crack at the Florence Events Center on

Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. Get rid of the "cabin fever blues" of winter by enjoying great food and company while aiding the less fortunate in this area.

All proceeds from this event will benefit Florence Food Share, a local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in West Lane County.

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crab will be available, along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and dessert provided by BJ's Ice Cream.

A no-host bar will also be available.

While savoring the delectable crustaceans and side dishes, attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase one or many of the special silent auction items.

Tickets to this event are \$40 each, with only 400 tickets to be available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25, and tickets will not be available at the door.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to arrange group seating, contact Food Share Executive Director Norma Barton at 541-997-9110 or by email at nbarton@florencefoodshare.org.



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