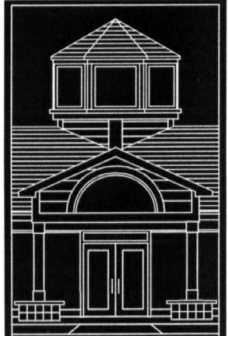


Library Tidings



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 "It's All Relative"

by A. J. Jacobs

"It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree" is an epic, hilarious and heartfelt adventure into the idea of family — where it begins and how far it goes — and what it has to tell us about our biology and our genetic, our tribes and our traditions and our history and our future.

A. J. Jacobs has received some strange emails over the years, but this note was perhaps the strangest: "You don't know me, but my wife is your eighth cousin. And we have over 80,000 relatives of yours in our database."

That's enough family members to fill Madison Square Garden four times over. Who are these people, he wondered, and how do I find them? So began Jacob's three-year adventure along the branches of the world's family tree.

Spanning both the globe and the genome, Jacobs' quest joyously upends what we think about when we think about family. He drinks beer with a U.S. president. He visits Salt Lake City — and the genealogical database of the Mormon Church (where, every year, more data is added than is con-

tained in the entire Library of Congress).

He meets scientists and computer programmers working to chart and understand the world's genetic links; he attempts to convene the biggest family reunion in recorded history; he contemplates black sheep and bad apples; he unearths his own genealogical connections to Hollywood actresses, Civil War soldiers and real-life scoundrels.

Ultimately, this extraordinary book is a profound exploration of the realms of what binds us all.

"We are family," Sister Sledge famously sang. This book proves it.

Jacobs is also the author of "The Year of Living Biblically," "The Know-It-All" and "Drop Dead Healthy."

Living Voices:

Northwest Passages

On Sunday, Jan. 28, in a program jointly sponsored by the Siuslaw Genealogical Society and the Siuslaw Public Library, Seattle-based Living Voices will be presenting "Northwest Passages," the story of a Swedish immigrant to the Northwest at the turn of the 20th century.

In "Northwest Passages," witness the dynamically chang-

ing Northwest at the turn of the century. The expansion of the railroad, the discovery of gold, labor struggles, and world war — these are the passages experienced by a young Swedish immigrant and her community, as she adjusts to life in a new ethnically-diverse community.

The free event will be at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

Living Voices is a Seattle-based regional and national touring educational theater company, producing 12 different original shows in ongoing repertory, with a focus on social justice, racial diversity and cultural responsiveness. Living Voices creates dynamic, interactive multi-media performances to bring life to history.

Using historical perspectives based on real people and events, the Living Voices technique combines live performance with video, audio, visual aids and discussion.

Archival film footage and photographs, blended with audio and presented in synchronization with a live solo actor, give the audience a chance to experience how the world looked, sounded and felt during a significant time in history, and to consider its relevance to their own lives.

Relay For Life NEEDS YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you would like to be involved with Relay For Life please join us as everyone is welcome. We are in the planning stages for the 2018 event and need several volunteers to help.

Please contact Loni Schofield if you are interested in helping!
541-997-6933

www.RelayForLife.Org/FlorenceOR

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Next Community Supper is tonight

For anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week, a group of area churches including St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, and Florence United Methodist Church will continue hosting weekly suppers for the community.

There is no cost, but donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted — but not required.

Come for a meal, no strings attached, Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The next supper is tonight, Jan. 17, at the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

Remaining suppers for January will be:

- Jan. 24: At the United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets
- Jan. 31: At the Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

West Lane Translator to hold annual meeting Jan. 24

West Lane Translator, a not-for-profit organization providing free television and radio re-transmission to the Florence area, will hold its annual meeting, including election of officers, on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

WLT is also license holder for local non-commercial community radio, KXCR, 90.7 FM.

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