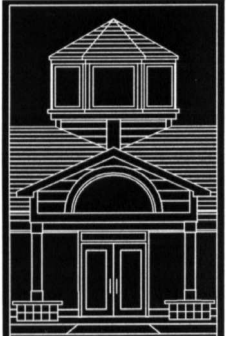


Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News and is written by Kevin Mittge

Book Review "The Girls in the Picture"

By Melanie Benjamin

It is 1914, and 25-year-old Frances Marion has left her (second) husband for the lure of Los Angeles, where she is determined to live independently as an artist. But the word on everyone's lips these days is "flickers" — the silent moving pictures enthralling theatergoers. In this fledgling industry, Frances finds her true calling: writing stories for this new medium. She also makes the acquaintance of actress Mary Pickford, America's Sweetheart. The two ambitious young women hit it off instantly.

Yet their astronomical success could come at a price. As Mary struggles to live her life under the spotlight, she wonders if it is possible to find true love, perhaps with the dashing actor Douglas Fairbanks. Frances, too, longs to share her life with someone.

As in any good Hollywood story, dramas will play out, possibilities will clash — and even the deepest friendships might be shattered. With cameos from such notables as Charlie Chaplin, Louis B. Mayer, Rudolph Valentino and Lillian

Gish, "The Girls in the Picture," is, at its heart, a story of friendship and forgiveness.

Melanie Benjamin perfectly captures the dawn of a glittering new era — its myths and icons, its possibilities and potential, and its seduction and heartbreak.

Benjamin is also the author of the acclaimed "The Aviator's Wife" and "The Swans of Fifth Avenue" and is currently at work on her latest historical novel.

AARP Tax Service

The AARP tax service is available at the library on Mondays and Thursdays through April 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., with a special final day of tax preparation on Saturday, April 14.

AARP requests that people bring their 2016 tax return, a photo ID, Social Security card and 2016 tax documents and medical coverage documents.

AARP offers free tax preparation help to anyone of any age — but especially if you are 50 or older and can't afford paid tax preparation. The service is first-come, first serve, with the first couple of weeks usually seeing the biggest crowds. Check a book out of the library while waiting your turn.

Blind Date with a Book

Don't forget that you can participate in Blind Date with a book during the entire month of February. For the adventurous reader this program offers the opportunity to let fate take a hand in selecting what you read.

Books can be selected up through Feb. 28. A drawing will take place on March 15, allowing readers time to finish and evaluate those last blind dates.

Best Books of 2017

On Friday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room, librarian Kevin Mittge will be presenting the "Best Books of 2017" as selected by patrons, staff and book critics. This will be a fast-paced review of the year's best books in 60 minutes with a booklist of the reviewed titles available.

A sneak preview: among the top books this past year are "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders and "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

Hopefully all those who attend will get some ideas about wonderful new books to explore.

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Immaculate interior designed Silvercrest Manor beauty. Pellet stove & slider out to partially glassed & covered sunroom. Double car garage.
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 2593 sq ft
\$325,000 BH7633 ML#18574030



PRICE REDUCED
949 Jasper Ln. Bright corner townhome. Lovely upgrades & great location
2 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Ba 1368 sq ft
\$207,400 BH7632 ML#18497175



PRICE REDUCED
WANTED...Golfers! 9th fairway Ocean Dunes Golf Course. Clubhouse close by. Lovely home, vaulted ceilings, electric fireplace, coved ceilings, minimum yard care.
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1534 sq ft
\$314,000 BH7611 ML#17168292



NEW LISTING
Are you ready to enjoy the good life? Spectacular lakefront jewel. Gorgeous kitchen, open floor plan with views galore. 2 masters, 2 lofts, guest bdrm, huge recreation room, 2 garages .89 acres
3 Bdrm, 3 full 2 partial Ba 4479 sq ft
\$645,000 BH7621 ML#17427515



NEW LISTING
Enjoy quiet, relaxing surroundings. Custom contemporary. Need 2 masters or caregivers quarters? One bedroom has its own entrance, parking space, bath, small fridge & sink. Loft is currently an art studio. 3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 2067 sq ft
\$399,500 BH7620 ML#17667902



PRICE REDUCED
Super Good Cents home in Summerset Estates. Open kitchen/familyroom area slider out to private backyard
3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 1444 sq ft
\$269,900 BH7581 ML#17384212



NEW LISTING
Charming vintage style home set back for privacy. Upgraded electrical, vinyl windows, plumbing, all new appliances. RV parking spot.
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1284 sq ft
\$239,900 BH7626 ML#18699596



FEATURED LISTING
Lovely home, open floor plan, real hardwood floors, fireplace, deck & much more
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1999 sq ft
\$368,000 BH7357 ML#16340702