

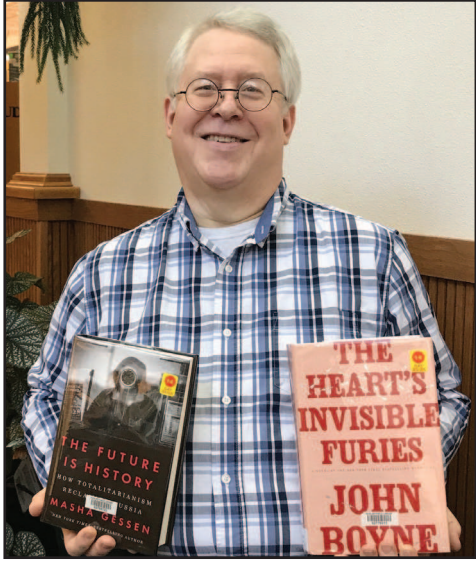
# Library announces Best Book List of 2017

Siuslaw Public Library will present its popular annual Best Books list on Friday, Feb. 23, beginning at 1 p.m. at the main branch of the library in the Bromley Room and again on March 2 at 3 p.m. at the Mapleton Branch Library.

This hour-long program is exciting, fast-paced and offers a brief description of about sixty books in 60 minutes. The annual list of best books is once again prepared by Adult Services Librarian Kevin Mittge.

Each year Mittge solicits recommendations for this year's best book list from library patrons, staff, volunteers and national critics. And, being a prolific reader himself, he also adds his own favorites.

The event is free and all genres are included in the lightning-speed book summaries.



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**Siuslaw Public Library's Adult Services Librarian, Kevin Mittge, holds two Best Books in preparation of the Best Book List of 2017 on Feb. 23 and March 2.**

This fun, annual program is a must for both avid and casual

readers. Plan to attend the popular program to check out the list of the top 2017 favorites in both fiction and nonfiction.

Find out which books were requested most by Siuslaw Public Library patrons in 2017 and which selections topped the critic's list in fiction and nonfiction.

Every attendee is guaranteed to learn about a new and interesting author or an intriguing book.

A Best Book list will be available to take home and anyone unable to attend

can pick up the library's Best Books List at the Library following the program.

When Mittge was asked what he enjoyed most about compiling this year's Best Books list, he said: "Just like last year, learning about all the great books and authors out there that I haven't read yet but now want to! And this year I have included suggestions for a couple of authors readers might want to explore."

Everyone is sure to find a new favorite read on his list.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and see if his or her favorite book is included in this year's list.

For more information about the program, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, or visit [www.siuslawlibrary.org](http://www.siuslawlibrary.org).

# WRiTE BRAiN Books Literacy Program at DAR

Chuck Trent, acting executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, is the guest speaker for the Friday, Feb. 23, meeting of the Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Trent will share information on a new program, available through the local Boys and Girls Club, which is helping boost students reading and writing skills.

The WRiTE BRAiN Books Literacy Program is a standards-aligned, writing and reading comprehension pro-

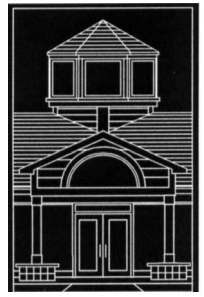
gram that concludes with members receiving a soft-copy published self-authored story-book.

Educational highlights include collaboration, project-based learning, scientific and critical thinking, research and technology. Youth learn language and reading skills in a fun, creative way.

The community is welcome to attend and learn more about this literacy program in a casual setting. Anyone interested should contact Karen Childs at 541-997-7154 for the location and time information.

## Library Tidings

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

### Book Review "Clade"

By James Bradley

"Clade," by James Bradley is a remarkable, unforgettable story about a multi-generational family surviving in the face of climate change and government collapse. On a beach in Antarctica, scientist Adam Leith marks the passage of the summer solstice, while back in Sydney, Australia, his partner Ellie waits for the results of her latest round of IVF treatment. That result, when it comes, will change both their lives and propel them into a future neither would have predicted.

In a collapsing England, Adam will battle to survive an apocalyptic storm. Against a backdrop of growing civil unrest back home in Australia, Ellie will discover a strange affinity with beekeeping. In the aftermath of a pandemic, a young man finds solace in building virtual recreations of the dead. And new connections will be formed from the most unlikely beginnings, tying the first characters, Adam and Ellie, to the later generations in the story.

New Scientist reviewed the book and called it "a beautifully written meditation on climate collapse, concentrating on three generations of an Australian family. [Author] Bradley skillfully evokes the particularity of lived experience, and the novel is full of vivid little moments, although its real triumph is in setting these in their large context: a world wrecked by storms and floods, changes in vegetation and the collapse of bird and bee populations."

Anyone interested in one possible future with the results of climate change, for good or for ill, will enjoy "Clade."

### John Quay Heritage Players

Come meet some of the early pioneers of and settlers of Florence and the lower Siuslaw area, when the John Quay Heritage Players visit the library on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m.

Among the visitors will be Christina Kyle (played by Cathy Dupont), Lily Cox Hurd (Annie Schmidt), Clara Gamble Hering (Alyson Scott), Elizabeth Knowles (Diane Neale), Harvey Hanson (Dorland Neale), and Dan Johnson, also known as Indian Dan (David Dumas).

The goal of the Heritage Players is to reflect early Florence from a diversity of viewpoints. Through personal monologues of the early settlers and dramatizations of fact-based incidents, the group hopes to entertain as well as educate about the early pioneer experience. The library is pleased to host the Heritage Players in this free program open to the general public.



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