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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 "Gnomon" by Nick Harkaway

In the world of "Gnomon," the latest book by best-selling author Nick Harkaway, citizens are constantly observed and democracy has reached a pinnacle of "transparency." Every action is seen, every word is recorded, and the System has access to its citizens' thoughts and memories — all in the name of providing the safest society in

When suspected dissident Diana Hunter dies in government custody, it marks the first time a citizen has been killed during an interrogation. The System doesn't make mistakes, but something isn't right about the circumstances surrounding Hunter's death.

Mielikki Neith, a trusted state inspector and a true believer in the System, is assigned to find out what went wrong. Immersing herself in neural recordings of the interrogation, what she finds isn't Hunter but rather an array of characters within Hunter's psyche: a lovelorn financier in Athens who has a mystical experience with a shark; a brilliant alchemist in ancient Carthage confronting the unexpected outcome of her invention; an expat Ethiopian painter in London designing a controversial new video game; and a sociopathic disembodied

intelligence from the distant future. Embedded in the memories of these impossible lives lies a code that Neith must decipher to find out what Hunter was hiding.

In the static between these stories, Neith begins to catch glimpses of the real Diana Hunter — and, alarmingly, of herself. The staggering consequences of what she finds will reverberate throughout the world.

dazzling, ic achievement, and Nick Harkaway's most brilliant work to date, "Gnomon" is peerless and profound, captivating and irreverent, as it pierces through strata of reality and consciousness, and illuminates how to set a mind free. It is a truly accomplished novel from an author possessing a matchless wit infused with a deep humanity.

Trails Locals Love

On Saturday, June 23, at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room, VisionQuest and the Siuslaw Public Library will be presenting "Trails Locals Love" with Siuslaw National Forest Recreation Staff Officer Dan Matthews: Siuslaw National Forest Trails Coordinator Kraig delin; outdoor enthusiast and trail-runner Dennis King; and librarian and avid hiker Kevin Mittge.

Learn about trails up and down the coast that locals love, level of difficulty, best use (e.g. running accessibility, etc.) and when to go. Maps and other information will be included. This pro-gram is free and open to the

general public. A follow-up program the next day, Sunday, June 24, will feature a hike along the PAWN trail, beginning at 1 p.m., with rangers and naturalists along the trail to point of special features.

"Ghosts in the Kelp: Sea Otters on the Oregon Coast"

On Saturday, June 30, at 1 p.m., join Robert Bailey, board president of the Elakha Alliance, to discuss the history of sea otters on the Oregon Coast, their ecological and cultural importance, their disappearance and the prospects for their return and recovery.

Sign-Up For **Summer Reading!**

If you haven't yet, be sure to sign up for summer reading all children, teens and adults are encouraged to participate. Great books to read, programs to attend and prizes to win are in store for all participants!

For more information about the Siuslaw Public Library or its programs, stop by 1460 Ninth St. in Florence or 88148 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.info.



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