

OCCO concert to celebrate American immigrants

The Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra (OCCO) will open the 2018-19 concert season with a fall program featuring works by immigrants to America and children of those immigrants.

The new citizen artists took full advantage of the opportunities presented by an accepting America to celebrate the human spirit through music and song.

Simultaneously, America's growing global cultural presence enabled them to reach a world population eager to embrace their talents and devotion. Selections from orchestral composers Sergei Rachmaninoff, Eric Korngold, Victor Herbert, Persy Grainger and Igor Stravinsky make up the first half of the program, while popular favorites from Leroy Anderson, Pete Rugolo, Henry Mancini and brothers George and Ira Gershwin complete the second half.

The audience will be invited to sing along with Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" to bring the concert to an end.

Performances are Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Reed-sport; Church of God, Reed-sport, Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, Yachats; and Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, students and children under 10 are free. Visit OCCOrchestra.org for more details.

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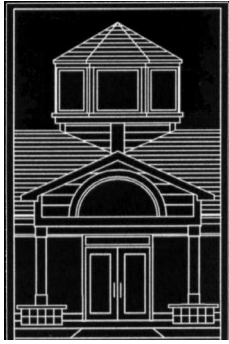
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News about the Siuslaw Public Library

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Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book Review "Lincoln's Last Trial"

by Dan Abrams

At the end of the summer of 1859, 22-year-old Peachy Quinn Harrison went on trial for murder in Springfield, Ill. Abraham Lincoln, who had been involved in more than 3,000 cases — including more than 25 murder trials — during his two-decades-long career, was hired to defend him.

This was to be his last great case as a lawyer.

What normally would have been a local case took on momentous meaning. Lincoln's debates with Senator Stephen Douglas the previous fall had gained him a national following, transforming the little-known, self-taught lawyer into a respected politician.

He was being urged to make a dark-horse run for the presidency in 1860. Taking this case involved great risk.

His reputation was untarnished, but should he lose this trial, should Harrison be convicted of murder, the spotlight now focused so brightly on him might be dimmed.

He had won his most recent murder trial with a daring and dramatic maneuver that had become a local legend, but another had ended with his

client dangling from the end of a rope.

The case posed painful personal challenges for Lincoln. The murder victim had trained for the law in his office, and Lincoln had been his friend and his mentor.

His accused killer, the young man Lincoln would defend, was the son of a close friend and loyal supporter. And to win this trial he would have to form an unholy alliance with a longtime enemy, a revivalist preacher he had twice run against for political office — and who had bitterly slandered Lincoln as an "infidel ... too lacking in faith to be elected."

"Lincoln's Last Trial" captures the presidential hopeful's dramatic courtroom confrontations in vivid detail as he fights for his client — but also for his own blossoming political future. It is a moment in history that shines a light on our legal system, as in this case Lincoln fought a legal battle that remains incredibly relevant today.

Dr. James Brau to Speak

Dr. James Brau from the University of Oregon will be speaking this Friday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m., the topic being: "Report on a Journey to the Be-

ginning of Time."

He will discuss the activities of U of O physicists at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, Switzerland. With that instrument the elusive Higgs boson was discovered.

What is the Higgs boson? What role does it play in the universe today and in the Big Bang?

These and other questions will be addressed in this program which is targeted to the non-scientific, general public.

The library is pleased to co-sponsor this program with the Adult Continuing Education Series at Lane Community College.

Hang-It All — View and Vote

We encourage the community to visit the library this month and view our Hang-It All art display, featuring a wide variety of artist work, from photography to pottery to wood sculpture to watercolor to block prints.

You can vote for your favorite work each day you visit the library and at the end of the month the People's Choice Award will be announced for the winning entry.

That entry will be on display the entire month of December.

Florence Garden Club to host presentation on Monarch butterflies

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Florence Garden Club will present "The Elkton Community Education Center Butterfly Program and What's Happening with Monarchs" with guest speaker Barbara Slott, the volunteer butterfly steward at the Elkton Community Education Center (ECEC).

Slott has a master's degree in wildlife biology and has been interested in the natural world

since childhood.

This program will be held at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, located at 3996 Highway 101.

The public is invited to this free presentation.

Barbara Slott of the Elkton Community Education Center Butterfly Program will be the guest speaker on Nov. 14.



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